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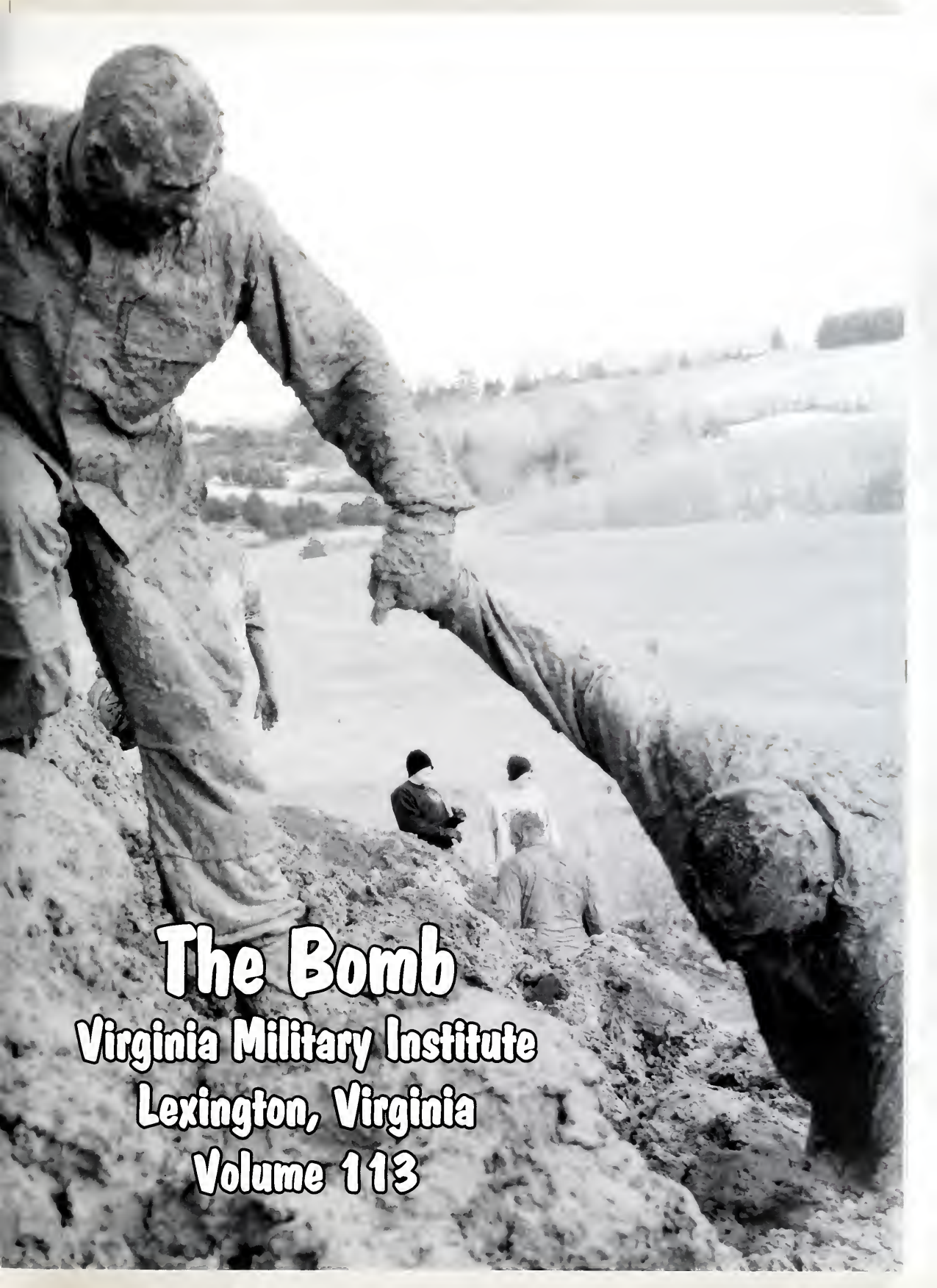
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Dedication

"...if we play hard, play together, and believe in each other, winning is possible here...I think we did learn how to win this year," Coach Baucom, on return from VMI Basketball's first conference final since 1988.

These coaches both did something radical this year, and both of them brought inspiration to the corps. Reid's radical idea was to incorporate the team into the corps as often as he could, ensuring rats had enough time with cadre, selling the military environment to the team, and recruiting from among us in the mess hall. Baucom risked a lot on the distinctive VMI offense, that gained attention nationwide, as VMI became the leader in many offensive measures.



Duggar Baucom
Head Basketball Coach



The Keydet Coaches

The corps has become accustomed to the trips that it takes twice a year to away games, but never had I imagined hundreds of cadets taking trips on their own initiative to West Point and Rock Hill, SC. Not only did those abled cadets travel, but the ones who stayed behind fervently watched the games in the mess hall. It began to look like every other weekend was either a corps trip or superbowl party around the big screen.

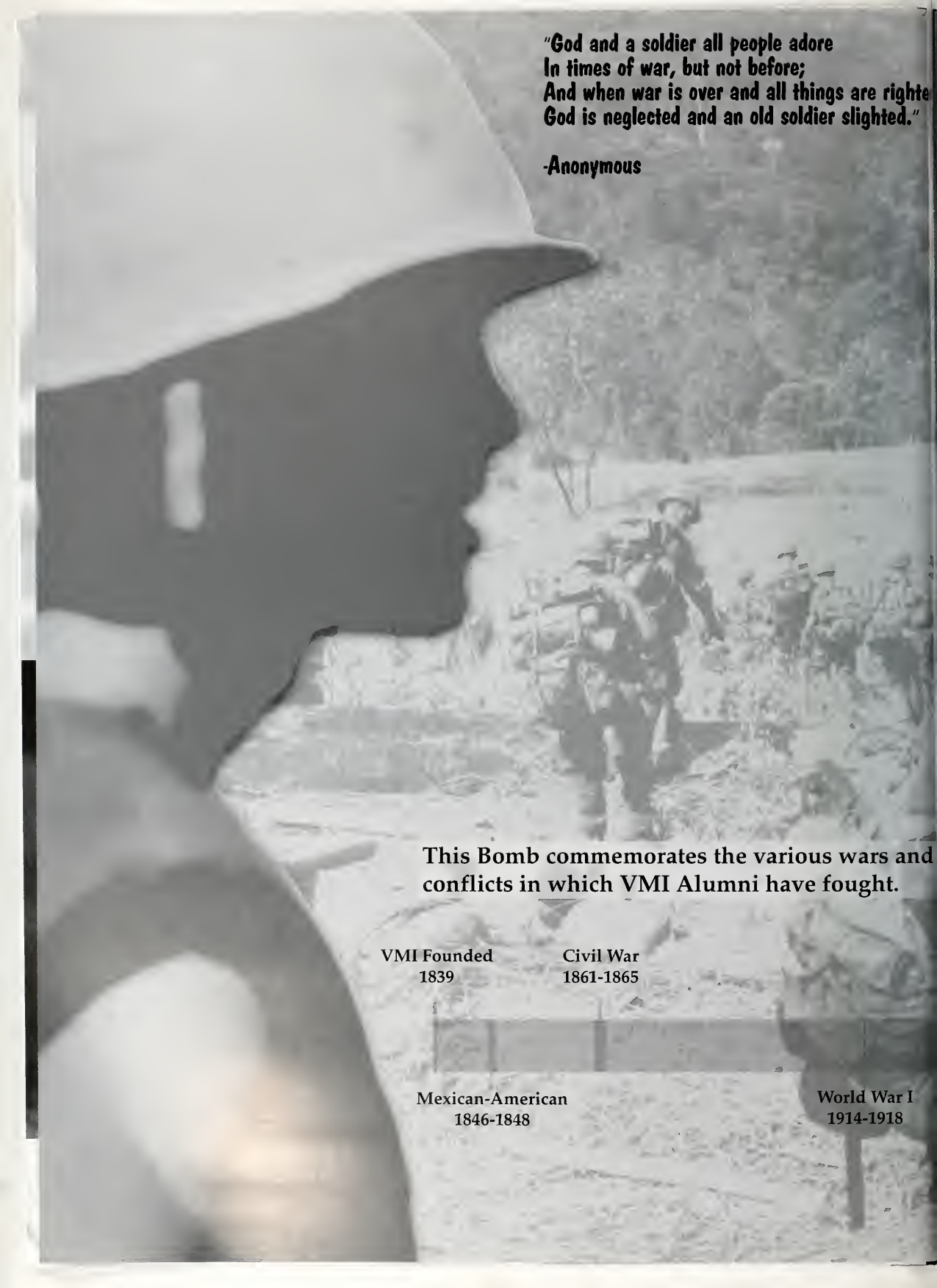
Even after the season has been over for months, Reid continues to inspire the corps. He never has to say or really do anything, except stand there. For every BRC that I can remember, I have seen him faithfully standing there at JM Hall watching us march down. It's this attitude, that everyone can appreciate, the attitude of the professor who becomes a TAC, the willing staff member who sponsors a cadet activity, and the coach who will stand through Monday morning inspection. It's this caring and enthusiasm that easily allowed me to dedicate *The 2007 Bomb* to these superb leaders.

Joshua Thompson
Editor in Chief, *The Bomb* 2007



James Reid

Head Football Coach



**"God and a soldier all people adore
In times of war, but not before;
And when war is over and all things are right
God is neglected and an old soldier slighted."**

-Anonymous

**This Bomb commemorates the various wars and
conflicts in which VMI Alumni have fought.**

**VMI Founded
1839**

**Civil War
1861-1865**

**Mexican-American
1846-1848**

**World War I
1914-1918**

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World War I
1914-1918

Korea
1950-1953

Gulf War
1991

World War II
1939-1945

Vietnam
1964-1975

War on Terror
2001-


Chapter 1

The Chain of Command

Mexican-American War, 1846-1848

During the summer of 1836 the Virginia General Assembly approved a bill to convert the Lexington Arsenal into the nation's first state sponsored military college. Fifteen hundred miles to the southwest on the banks of the Rio Grande, the Republic of Texas declared its independence from Mexico and set into motion the events that would lead to war a decade later. The leader of the fledgling Republic of Texas was Sam Houston who was born just north of Lexington in 1793.

In 1846, four years after the first class graduated from VMI, the United States found itself at war with Mexico to resolve the boundary dispute between the two nations. Over the next two years, 29 alumni served with the American forces. In the largest and decisive battles--- Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Chapultepec and Mexico City. -- VMI trained Citizen-Soldiers proved the worth of the Institute. Nine were with the regular Army; 20 served with the Volunteers. Major Author Cummings, Class of 1844, of the 11th US Infantry, was the highest ranking alumnus. He led the first unit of Winfield Scott's army out of Vera Cruz on its 250 mile march to the Mexican capital. Before the campaign was over Major Cummings was severely wounded and brevetted for gallant conduct.



Battle of Chapultepec

In addition to Major Cummings, three captains, 15 lieutenants, one Army assistant surgeon, one Navy paymaster, one sergeant major, one sergeant, one corporal and five privates were VMI alumni. Three men died in Mexico and one immediately upon returning home. All but one died of disease. Lieutenant Henry Munford, Class of 1844, was killed in a duel fought with Army muskets in which his adversary was killed on 20 May 1847. Captain Daniel Lee, Class of 1845, was also engaged in a duel fought with muskets but both parties missed their mark. Captain Lee had asked another officer in his unit to be his second—Major Thomas J. Jackson, who would arrive at VMI as a professor in 1851 and become “Stonewall” during the Civil War. Captain Edward Carrington, Class of 1844, became a Brigadier General in the Union Army while two of his Mexican War Veteran VMI alumni – Birkette Fry, Class of 1843, and James Slaughter, Class of 1848-- became Brigadier Generals in the Confederate Army.

The first VMI graduate to receive a commission in the Navy, Richard Sinton, Class of 1847, served as Paymaster aboard the USS Brandywine. Sinton later founded the first bank in San Francisco, California.

Benjamin Ficklin matriculated with the Class of 1847, but the rigors of the VMI lifestyle and his proclivity to play practical jokes (Mischievous Ben was his nickname) resulted in his dismissal right as the war was beginning. In 1848 he declared to Superintendent Smith that he had gone “to Mexico, did my duty in the ranks and was made a corporal!” Ficklin was reinstated and graduated in 1849. He went on to be one of the founders of the Pony Express.

The alumni who stormed the walls of Chapultepec outside Mexico City in September 1847, may not have known that the national military school, the Colegio Militar, was housed in the Castle of Chapultepec. Although the 200 young cadets received orders to abandon their position on the ramparts of the citadel, the Mexican Cadets chose to stay and fight. Six of the Niños Héroes died in battle.

The Mexican-American War was the first opportunity for the Institute to demonstrate the unique value of the Citizen-Soldier education. After their service in the “Long March” most of the VMI alumni returned to civilian interest. Those initial 29 set a standard of service which would be met by thousands of alumni over the next 160 years. Like Ben Ficklin, they all “did their duty.”





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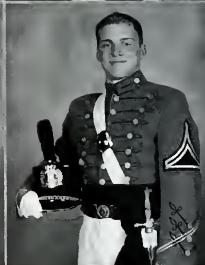
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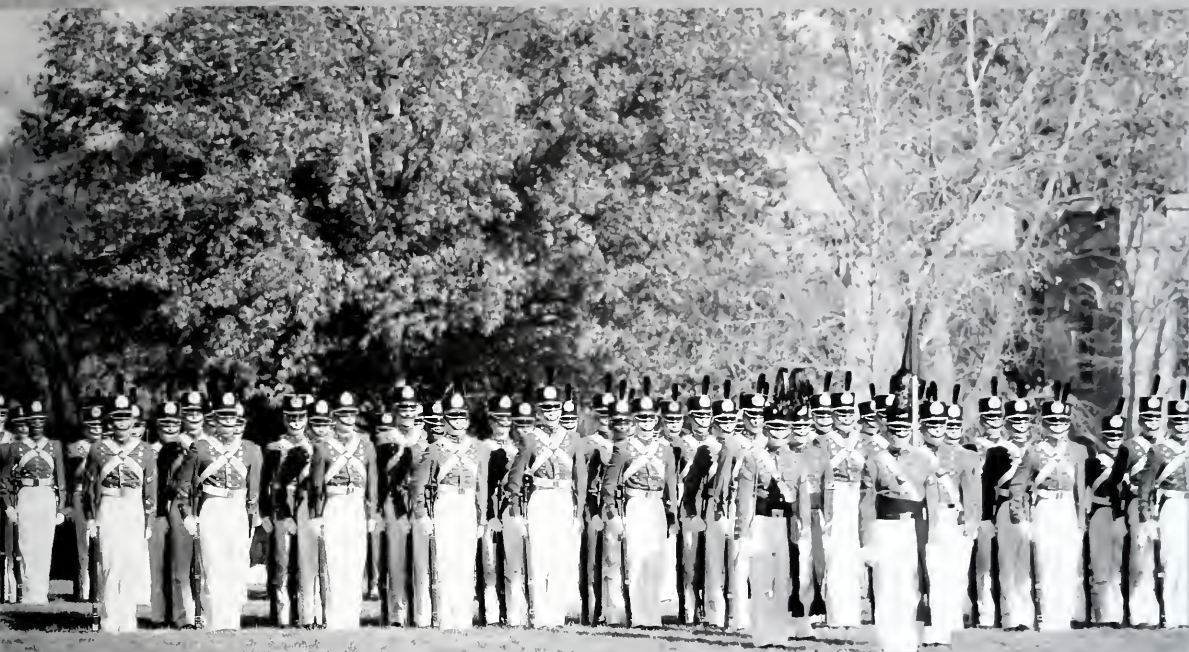


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Matthew E. Upchurch
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Band Company

Quincy M. Washa
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3rd Platoon Lieutenant



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John H. C. Douglas
1st Sergeant



Jason B. Pettengill
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Lynn M. Larson
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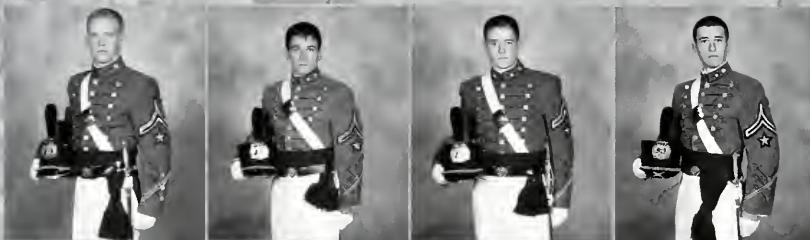
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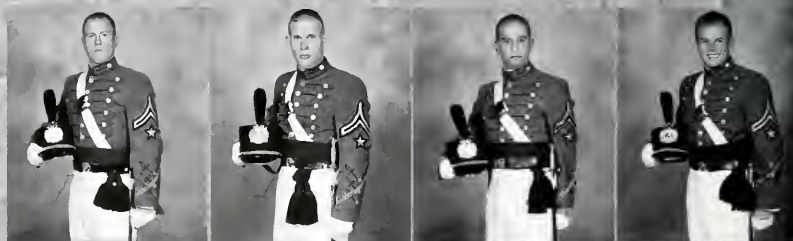
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Nathanael B. Murphy
Batallion Executive Officer



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Liam T. O'Brien
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Michael G. Pesano
S-3 Lieutenant



Komgrit Kotcharaksa
S-4 Lieutenant



Dana W. Daly
S-5 Lieutenant



Karen A. Bill
S-6 Lieutenant



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S-7 Lieutenant



Nicholas E. Cutting
Sergeant Major



Echo Company



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Sean P. Hingley
Executive Officer



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1st Platoon Lieutenant



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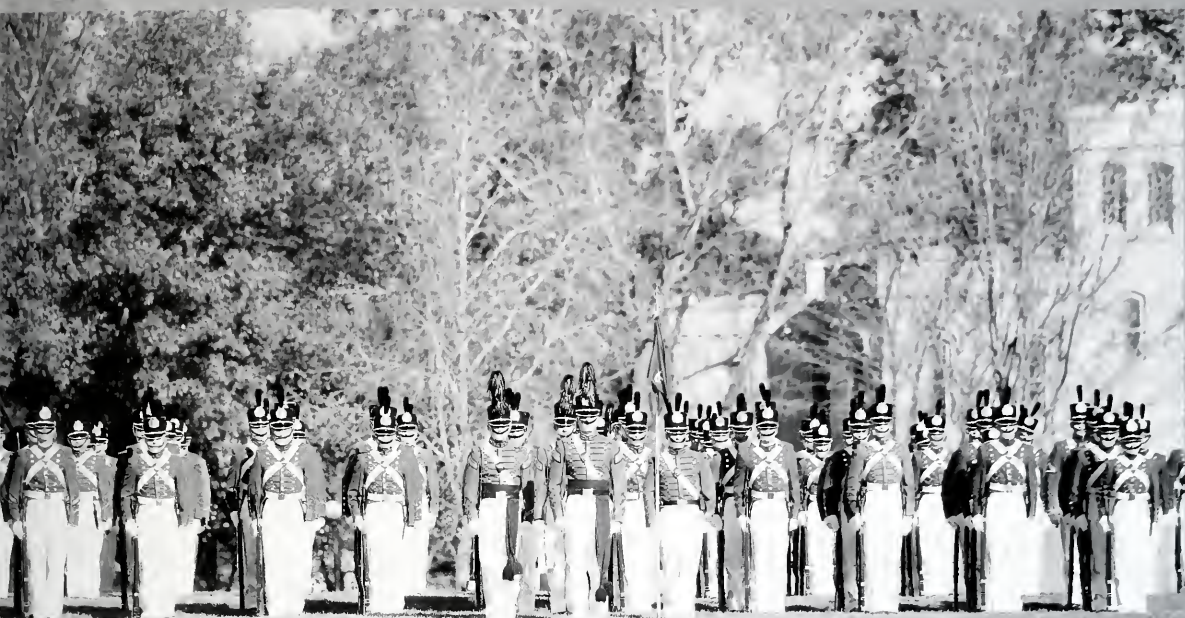


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Jesse B. Burnette
Master Sergeant





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Foxtrot Company



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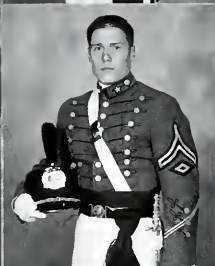
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Peter H. Blades
Master Sergeant





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Golf Company



Brandon W. Price
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Nathan F. Fifer
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Daniel L. Strasser
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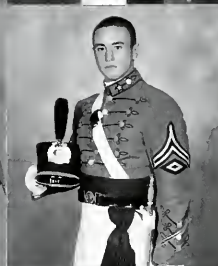
Zachary K. Huson
2nd Platoon Lieutenant



John A. Terminato
3rd Platoon Lieutenant



Grant H. Pfeiffer
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Christopher W. Graff
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Robert T. Kelly
Operations Sergeant



Matthew H. Walker
Master Sergeant





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H Hotel Company



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Andrew W. Holt
1st Platoon Lieutenant



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2nd Platoon Lieutenant



Michael C. Moorman
3rd Platoon Lieutenant



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Daniel M. Simpson
1st Sergeant



William T. Crockett
Operations Sergeant



Jarrett D. Moran
Master Sergeant





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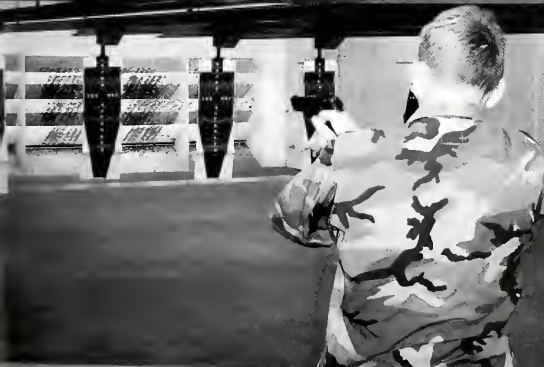
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Row 3: CPT Joseph Garaux; LT Chris Gray; LT James Faison; YNCS Douglas Johnson



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COL Dick Rowe (Dept. Head); MAJ Leah Stands; COL Thomas Baur
Not pictured: Mrs. Karen Fredenburg; Mr. Theodore Kesler

Business and Economics



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COL H. Francis Bush; LTC Robert Moreschi; MAJ Elizabeth Baker
Rear: COL Stewart Husted; MAJ Samuel Allen; LTC Chaudhary Basu; MAJ James Bang;
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Chemistry



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 Dr. Dale Raymond; Dr. Eileen Hinks
Back row: COL Tappey Jones

Civil Engineering



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 Jeff Parrent

Electrical Engineering



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History



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VMI Museum



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Mrs. Wai Wai Than

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The 2007 Bomb owes a special thanks to COL Gibson and his staff. Gibson provided the text for each section divider, bringing to light the contributions that VMI alumni have brought to each of the armed forces in the wars of the past and present. They have spent a great amount of time on this project which was inspired by the Bomb of 1949 and their work is truly appreciated.

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Chapter 2

The first Class

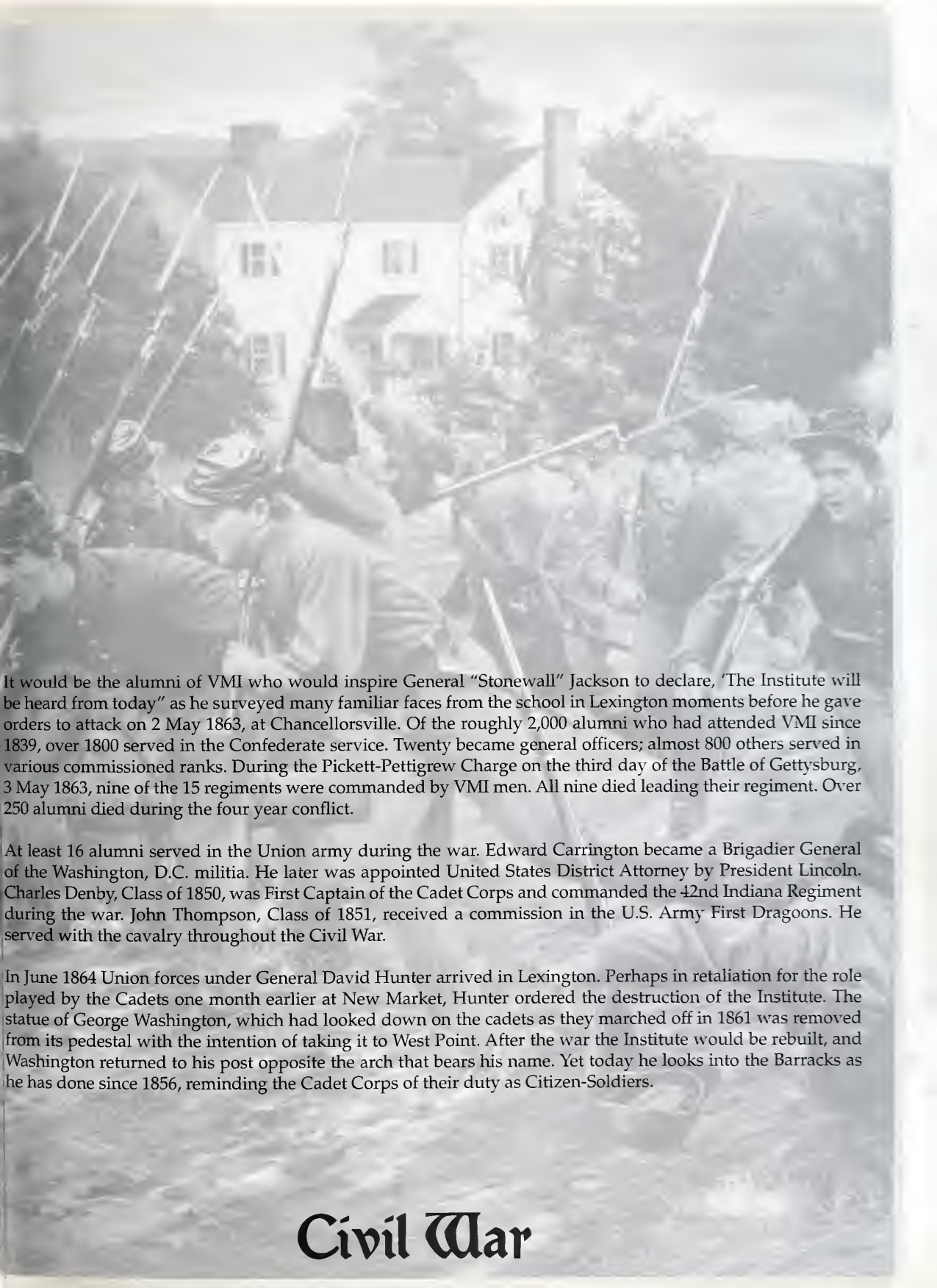
The Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia left the Union on 17 April 1861. Three days later, on a warm Sunday afternoon, the Corps of Cadets formed up in front of the bronze statue of George Washington. At 12:30 PM, Major Thomas Jackson shouted his first orders of the war, "Right Face, By the Left File, March." The cadets were on their way to Richmond to help train the thousands of green recruits destined for the Confederate Army. Over the next four years, the Corps would be called to field service on no less than 15 occasions.

On 21 July 1861, in the first great land battle of the war--- years before the Cadets would charge into history at New Market--- three cadets were killed leading their companies into battle at Manassas, Virginia. Cadets Charles Moore, Charles Norris and John Moffett, all members of the Class of 1861, had been detailed to Harpers Ferry in the spring of 1861 to take a supply of gun powder to their old Professor Thomas Jackson, now in command of that post. The three young cadets stayed to help drill the raw recruits wishing to join Jackson's command. When battle seemed inevitable, the cadets were asked to take charge of the companies they had so ably drilled. Wearing their VMI coatees at the front of the command, Moore and Moffett were struck by Union artillery fire. Moments later, 17 year-old Norris shouted, "Come on boys, quick, and we can whip them." An instant moment and he lay dead on the field.

On several occasions the Cadet Corps was called to the field to defend against a Union cavalry raid or to man a section of Confederate earthworks, but they would engage the enemy only once. On 15 May 1864, the Corps found itself in the center of the Confederate line as it took a position along a split rail fence on Jacob Bushong's farm in New Market, Virginia. When the order was given to charge, the Cadets led the Confederate assault across a rain drenched wheat field and into a Union artillery position. Ten cadets died as a result of their role in the battle; 47 others were wounded. "Well done men! Well done Virginians" the Confederate General shouted as he passed the bloodied and proud cadets. Never before or since has a college student body participated in pitched combat.

Battle of New Market



It would be the alumni of VMI who would inspire General "Stonewall" Jackson to declare, "The Institute will be heard from today" as he surveyed many familiar faces from the school in Lexington moments before he gave orders to attack on 2 May 1863, at Chancellorsville. Of the roughly 2,000 alumni who had attended VMI since 1839, over 1800 served in the Confederate service. Twenty became general officers; almost 800 others served in various commissioned ranks. During the Pickett-Pettigrew Charge on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, 3 May 1863, nine of the 15 regiments were commanded by VMI men. All nine died leading their regiment. Over 250 alumni died during the four year conflict.

At least 16 alumni served in the Union army during the war. Edward Carrington became a Brigadier General of the Washington, D.C. militia. He later was appointed United States District Attorney by President Lincoln. Charles Denby, Class of 1850, was First Captain of the Cadet Corps and commanded the 42nd Indiana Regiment during the war. John Thompson, Class of 1851, received a commission in the U.S. Army First Dragoons. He served with the cavalry throughout the Civil War.

In June 1864 Union forces under General David Hunter arrived in Lexington. Perhaps in retaliation for the role played by the Cadets one month earlier at New Market, Hunter ordered the destruction of the Institute. The statue of George Washington, which had looked down on the cadets as they marched off in 1861 was removed from its pedestal with the intention of taking it to West Point. After the war the Institute would be rebuilt, and Washington returned to his post opposite the arch that bears his name. Yet today he looks into the Barracks as he has done since 1856, reminding the Cadet Corps of their duty as Citizen-Soldiers.

Civil War

Honor Court

President

Charles Freeman

Vice President

Salvatore Sferrazza Jr.

Vice President for the Education and Defense

Michael Lloyd

Vice President for Investigation

Sean Hingley

Prosecutor

Christopher Fields

Prosecutor

Brandon Price

Assistant Prosecutors

Nikolai Howe

Christian Lomicka

Joel Keneipp

Phillip McCloskey

Peter Borchelt

Roger Leonhart



The Honor Court of the Virginia Military Institute is comprised of twelve cadets, six first classmen and six second classmen. These twelve cadets have been entrusted by their brother rats to represent their class and the Corps in the work of protecting the most precious and steadfast element of VMI, the Honor Code. The mission of the Court is two-fold: first to educate the Corps on the Code and second, to guard the Code from those who seek to undermine it. The Honor Code is the life blood of the Institute, and the court is its guardian.

Officer of the Guard Association

President

Joshua Copes

Vice President

Brandon Kelly

Secretary

Chris Nelson

Defense Counsel

Thomas Pepka

Defense Counsel

Thane Keller

Representatives

Daniel Lutterbie

Neal Sutliff

Representatives

Michael Cornell

Eric Harley

Sean Day

Representatives

Joshua Christian

Wadsworth Bugg



The Officer of the Guard Association, or the OGA, has the unique responsibility within the Corps of Cadets, of regulating issues of misconduct that violate Institute guidelines. The OGA is also in charge of educating incoming Rats on such guidelines, as well as re-training upperclassmen.

The OGA is comprised entirely of First Class Privates and is a Sub-Committee of the General Committee. The OGA is the primary investigative arm of the GC and conducts private hearings when a case is brought up. Cadets may take a report to their respective Company Representatives, which are filtered through the Vice President. Investigations are used to determine whether or not a cadet has broken a guideline, as well as the severity of such an infraction. Penalties, at this point, may be issued by the OGA if it is considered appropriate.

The OGA continues to serve as one of the few Cadet Government organizations that allows the Corps to run itself. The OGA, like all other Cadet Government Organizations, operates separately from the Regimental System. The OGA's membership is only First Class Privates, representative of the idea that Privates are the backbone of the Corps.

Rat Disciplinary Committee

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Jason LaCerde

Advisor

MSG James Perd

Vice President

Justin Trowbridge

Secretary

Timothy Labresh

Operations Officer

Justin Blanks

Operations Offi

Anthony Mena

First Class Representatives

Samuel Alvarenga

Erik Dupilka

David Metzler

Christopher Scott

Justin Bishop

Nicklaus Franck

Michael Pesano

Daniel Brock

Liam Gilroy

Joseph Picariello

Robert Thompson

Robert Brooke

Andrew Holt

Michael Rice

Matthew Bu

Jesse Kopczy

James Sandr

Nicolas Tomr

Second Class Representatives

Peter Blades

Thomas Cunningham

Daniel Jones

Jacob Widrick



The Rat Disciplinary Committee for 2006-2007 was composed of members of the First Class, nominated by their classmates, as well as four appointed members of the Second Class. They have shown their leadership and dedication in executing the mission of helping to mold the Rats into a VMI class. The RDC oversaw the development of each Rat, aggressively enforced the standards, and organized a tough and memorable Ratline for the Class of 2010. This year's RDC truly set a new standard for discipline and sacrifice and have paved the way for those who will follow in our footsteps.

Cadet Equity Association

President

Jenifer Farkas

President

Alexander Rawling

Representatives

Erin Hottle
Kathleen Krenznel
Jared Gastrock
Andrew Timpner

Stephen Prugh
Eri Kamura
Aaron Alderman
Benjamin Curle

Christopher Bass
Michael Karlson
Peter Relyea
Jillian O'Hara



The Cadet Equity Association is charged with maintaining an equitable environment at VMI through training and investigations. The CEA is the cadet body of the Training and Investigations Office comprised of first and second classmen. The organization is a separate entity from the GC reporting directly to the Superintendent. The purpose of this committee is to educate the Corps on matters of sexual harassment in an attempt to prevent incidents from occurring and an investigation to be conducted. In the event that an investigation is needed it is performed solely by cadets who gather facts and conduct interviews in order to resolve the issue. The CEA is the newest addition to the body of cadet run organizations supporting the idea that the Corps runs itself.

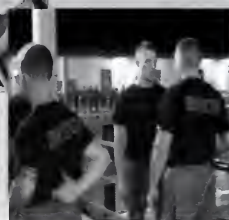
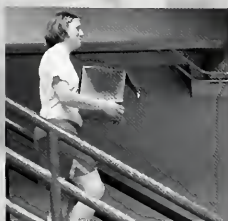
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YOUTHS PRESSING UP THE HILL OF SCIENCE WITH NOBLE EMULATION
A GRATIFYING SPECTACLE : AN HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR
STATE : OBJECTS OF HONEST PRIDE TO THEIR INSTRUCTORS AND FAIR
SPECIMENS OF CITIZEN SOLDIERS : ATTACHED TO THEIR NATIVE STATE
PROUD OF HER FAME AND READY IN EVERY TIME OF DEEPEST PERIL
TO VINDICATE HER HONOR OR DEFEND HER RIGHTS



Cadre / Cadet Counseling Service



Col. Worley; Maj. Griffin; Ryan Young (CIC); Laura Hash (ACIC); Whitney Matthews (ACIC); Alfred Betts; Shawn Driver; Bronzie Fain; Jenifer Farkas; Brandon Harrington; Kurt Helfrich; Eri Kamura; Carolyn Lanier; Evan Lyne; Ryan Marsh; Stuart Montgomery; Danny Plitnik; Matt Schreibfeder; Tom Shaffner; Abby Ward; Greg Willson; Josh Wilson



Class 2007



Vice President: Rich Meredith President: Jamaal Walton Historian: Grayson Ernst

The end is near. Everyone who matriculated in 2003 had dreams of what VMI would be for them and whether or not they came true, those of us left are close to graduation. 2007 cannot wait to see Barracks in their rear-view mirrors, and I hope that everyone is proud of what we leave behind. There is no easy way through VMI and it is our brother rats that have gotten us this far.

Our dykes brought the class of 2004+3 into being. They successfully instilled those timeless values which lead to success at VMI and in life. This year it was our turn and I feel confident that we are leaving a strong class to carry on our dyke line. I am thoroughly impressed and proud of 2010. They had one of the funniest riots in memory and an incredible break-out. Not only did they have everything from 2009's breakout, they had Howitzer pulls up Sup's Hill, which was one of the most innovative ideas to ever come out of any RL.

This year has probably been 2007's favorite. The leadership opportunities have been invaluable and being a first classman has its own perks. Between leaving every weekend, FCP and not worrying with that, this has been a great year. Senioritis has hit the class hard, as everyone looks to the future with anticipation. VMI has changed us all and I am greatly appreciative of everything that it has done for the class of 2007.

-Grayson Ernst, 2007 GC Historian





Ketra J. Alexander
Miami, Florida
Army - Biology



Robert B. Allan
North Huntingdon, PA
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Samuel E. Alvarenga
Springfield, VA
Air Force - Economics and Business

Track and Field 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji 4, 3 (Secretary), 2 & 1 (President); Cheerleader 3, 2, 1; QMD Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1

"Last One Standing" is the quote that I lived by...four matriculated in the company and one remained until the end. I've had my ups and downs...some days my smiles were turned into a frown, by individuals that didn't want to see me make it... but I did! Only a selected few were a part of the "Bio Crew"...in these individuals I found friendship. (Thanks guys, all of our "study sessions" will always be remembered.) Being the only black female in my class was tough but, Aarika and Katrina...you guys helped me through it all. Second to none, Jesus you know many nights I was leaning on your everlasting arm!

To VMI, over the years I have grown to appreciate some of the situations and mental challenges you have put me through. It has proven to me that I am more than a conqueror and stronger than I thought.

To my rat and Ashley, you must continue the legacy that I have started. Uphold the standard of Miami Northwestern Sr. High where "Failure is not an Option" and show these fools what Miami is all about! Break the records, and make the grades because to them we're just great athletes.

Thank you, to everyone who has supported me in any fashion and for those who doubted my success...the Lord loves you!

2004: Aarika Nichole Johnson
2010: Chandale N. Williams, Janey M. Tate

Activities: Band 4,3,2,1; Martial Arts 3,2,1; IEEE 1

Looking back, I've got the usual stand out memories: Matriculation, Breakout, Ring Figure, my rat's breakout... all permanently burned into my memory. Some interesting ones would be getting caught at first stealth dyke inspection ever, having my appendix removed, and watching my teacher grade my final exam I was afraid of failing. I'm greatly anticipating experiencing the first portion of the phrase "While it's great to be from VMI, it always sucks to be at VMI." Well, enough of my rambling, go on with your life.

2004: Brian Gould
2010: Nick Young

Wrestling 4,3,2,1; RDC 1; International club 2,1; Air Force Association

It has finally come, my first class year. The end of a rigorous journey that most would agree, has been known as the road less traveled. Yet I sit here only months away from graduation and realize that this road is truly coming to an end and it feels really good.

My experience here at VMI will never be forgotten and most importantly it's the brotherhood which I have been a part of, that will be memories which I will hold on to forever.

Wrestling here at VMI has been such a huge part of me. The one place that brought so much energy was in the Thunderdome, in which our home matches took place. The feeling of hearing the corps chant and scream, creating such a roar, is a place that I don't think can ever be compared to anything.

To my rats of 146, the message I leave with you all is be wise, stay positive because before you know, it you will be writing such a message as I am doing now and graduation will be here before you know it. Get as much as you can from VMI and most importantly get the education which this fine Institute has to offer, trust me it will be worth every minute in the end.

2004: Brent Long
2010: Sloan Burns

Class of

Ke-Ke



Bob



Samuel





Keashawn



Corey



Baff



Well where do I start? I'm a "military brat" and I was born in Germany because my father was in the Army. I grew up in Ft. Dix, NJ but moved to Virginia in the 4th grade. I started playing sports at a young age and continued playing basketball through high school and football through college. VMI has been a great experience, although at times I really hated everything about this school. Hopefully when I get into the "real world" I will see all the benefits of going to a college as unique as VMI. To my rats Miso and TIE Franchise, keep doing your things on the field and especially in the classroom, I want to see yall graduate! Yall know how to reach me. Come visit when I get the mansion haha. To my family, thanks for all the support and money when I was BROKE. I love yall. MAMA, I MADE IT!! To my roommates Fred and Cobe, really couldn't have made it without yall keeping me sane. With all the day to day drama at VMI, I knew I could always count on yall through thick and thin. Yall are like my brothers for real. We DEFINITELY have to celebrate... for about a week or two lol. Just as long as it's not any function at VCU haha, yall already know what I'm talking about lol... I don't know if I'll ever get over that one. To my dyke Tamara, thank you for everything I learned through you. Yup I'm graduating... FROM VMI lol, you already know I wouldn't settle for less. Class of '07... YESSIR!! I wish everyone in '07 the best... time to make up for not being able to have the "real" college experience lol. See you all in ten years, considering I really don't think I'll be coming back until our reunion lol. '07 BABY!! It feels SO GOOD to be DONE!!

2004: Tamara Ferguson
2010: Demiso Alexander, Tim Maypray

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Middle School Tutor 2

So I am done with college. Wow. There was much frustration and bitterness, but I have lived through so many things about which others only wonder. I guess that makes my college experience a success. First I would like to thank all those who have pulled me through these last four years. All my friends back home in the Burg—you have supported me as best as any friend could ask for. Leecey, you have been my rock since that New Year's Eve. I love you and you are with me always. Meg, Delilah, Mom, and Dad...I have not told you enough how loved and appreciated you all truly are. You all are the reason that I lasted four years at this place. BASECO...it's a life thing that no one else will understand. The memories on the baseball field the last four seasons are too many to name. You guys are my second family. Brian, Rob, and Lin—we are all still here, and we made it together fellas. Not many rat rooms can say that. Tanner and Ryan—do not let this place change you, but understand what it can do for you. Stay strong and support each other and you will be graduating before you know it. Have faith, keep your self-respect, and never let someone tell you that you cannot do something. All my other buddies here—you know who you are—you keep me sane when I go off the deep end and I could not have done it without you all. It is all over now and I cannot wait to see what else is out there...

2004: Zach Kennedy
2010: Ryan Litz, Tanner Biagini

ACIC of Conditioning Club Croquet 1; Club Lacrosse 4,3; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; XO 1; CO 1; 4 L Club; Big Red Club 1

There are a lot of people who I want to thank for helping me get to VMI and get through it. First and foremost, I need to thank my parents. Their selfless devotion and support through my life has helped me find my way to VMI and through the hell we all embrace. The many days and nights they helped me with homework and school projects from elementary school to high school, I can never say thank you enough. Eagle Scout projects, sporting events, college applications, they have done it all, and have always come through and been there for me.

As for the people at VMI, I have to thank my roommates. I don't know what I would do without you guys. I'll never forget Shih's dirty English or Ryan and Rob's fear of touching their feet to the ground. I am going to miss you all the most. Whether protecting the shores of Taiwan from Communist China, saving the world one impoverished country at a time, or keeping the peace in Ocean City, Maryland, I will always remember you guys. From 372 on down to S-16, I couldn't have lucked out with better roommates. Best of luck to you all, and stay safe wherever you wind up.

Rats of S-16: Dan, Raine, Bailey, and Wang, don't do anything stupid. You all have been great rats, despite how often we give you all a hard time. Keep your heads on straight and stay focused on the goal of graduating; it comes up faster than you think, and just remember, you're not the first and you're not the last to go through VMI, so learn to deal with it. Dan, I don't know the answer to that question, you'll have to ask your parents. Raine, quit flexing (calm down it's a joke). Bailey, one day you'll get that double wide. Wang...sit down and relax!

Good luck to the class of 2007!
2004: Eric Damon
2010: Dan "The Question Man" Strasbaugh



Keashawn D. Artis
Alexandria, VA

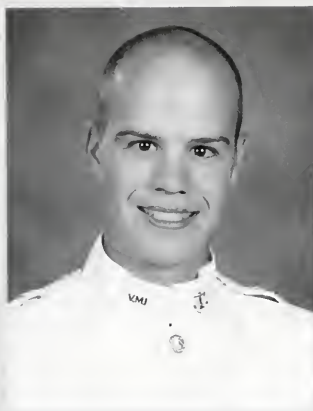
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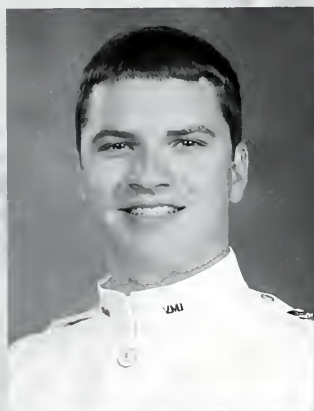
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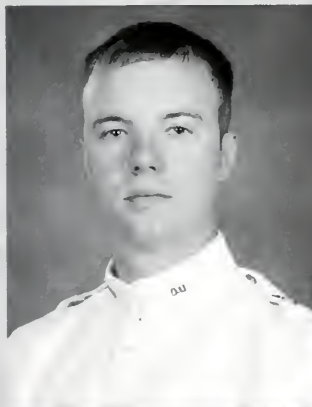
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El Dorado Hills, CA
Navy - Physicist



Charles E. Barnes
Philadelphia, PA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Bradley J. Beckner
Roanoke, VA
Air Force - Economics and Business

SPS 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Library Assistant 3,2,1; CIG 2,1; Guide SGT 2; Newspaper 3; Lab Assistant 1; Marathon Club 3

Well, after four years I am done!! Although I am relieved and happy it is over, there is some sorrow that I have to leave the four walls of barracks that I have grown accustomed to. VMI is a place that gives you a sense of honor and teaches you how to succeed. It also gives you a leash if you screw up...a leash that a few times has thankfully saved me! On the flip side it also teaches you how to find the loopholes, and worm out of things...something that in the long run won't help you. Despite this, I think the good lessons outnumber the bad and VMI makes you a better person in the big world of which I am about to enter. I don't think I could have made it through here without the help of my Dyke who taught me how to get through here; my BR's, especially my roommates Jason and Thiti; and of course my family: Mom, who I know was looking over my shoulder, Dad, Bambi, Drew, Karissa, Karly, and Kayla...thank you. As for my rat, Andrew, thanks for doing a good job; I have no doubt in my mind, you'll make it through here...but take as much in as you can, because you'll be in my shoes faster than you think.

2004: Jimmy Palmer
2010: Andrew Baity

VMI Lacrosse 4,3,2,1

Four years have flown by and I have a couple things to get off my chest about this school- Inspection platoon, ducks that don't fit, woolies that don't fit, room inspections, room re-inspections at 7am in the morning. The lack of A/C in the hot months and nose bleed heaters of the cold months. To my roommates: Andrew, Paul, Curtis, Rob I could right a book about what has happened, but I'll sum it up in a couple of quick words: 5 guys, chickfila, subway, ABC store, 40's, bottle rocket, Payne dike, box fan, Yuuuuuuuuuut, battery pack, Lost, my 2 month illness and everything else I missed we'll meet up and talk over beers (lots of them). These past four years of lacrosse have been the best time of my life, I feel good knowing I'm the only one who can throw with my stick. To everybody that took care of me at Ring Figure (Kaitlin thanks for putting up with me) and the Class parties...I thank you because I am still alive. Steve Long...2 words flightplan. To the ladies of 108 thanks for everything. T-rev, Andrew, Raevon, thank you for helping me pass all my classes and graduate. But Andrew I still got a 73 and you got a 71 so I am the better engineer. To my rats: Davis and Sean shoot high but aim low. To my dike, Pat the guidance you left me with has put me through this school it was hard and I realize now how it was worth it.

I would like to thank my friend and family for the support that I have received during my cadetship. Mom, Grandma, Barbara, Anne, Poppy, Ben and Kellie, I thank you for the random phone calls/ gifts and visits and most of all support. Jenn, thank you for everything. Dad, coming to VMI was my choice. I just want to thank you for showing it to me on our business trip 6 years ago. That's all I gotta say...peace

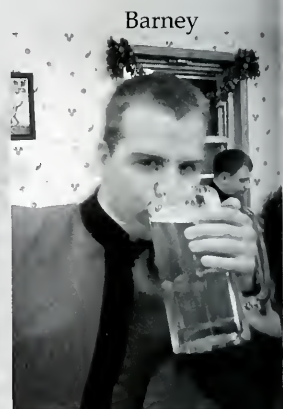
2004: Patrick Gregory
2010: Sean McCoy, Davis Garrett

Sprint Football 3,2,1

The experience at VMI is something that changes an individual forever. It is a life that can be simply forgotten, but is never far from mind. There is something about the Institute that instills some sense of a higher social obligation. It breaks down a child and builds them back, slowly, as an adult full of pride, integrity, honesty, and a lot of the time, arrogance. The Institute provides a unique life to an individual, a life full of work, stress, a demanding schedule, self-satisfaction, and opportunity. The only element that helps one make it through the Mother I is the friends you meet while you are there. I have been friends with some of the best guys that I have ever met in my life. I will surely never forget them, and the times we have shared. The Institute will forever remain a part of all of us.

2004: Drew Eland
2010: Charlie Barnett

Class of



Barney



Chuck, Bee, Booty



B-rad



Haephestus



New Guy



Ness, Nessa, VB, Rhino



Club Fencing 3,2,1;

Firstly I owe my parents so much for preparing and sending me to this place and to CI Hooker for helping convince me to go. I'd owe them all so very much just for the experience of being at VMI, but I now owe them so much more because it was here that I met my the love of my life and future wife, Robin Claire Davis(at W&L, not VMI). I owe her so very much for making this place bearable and helping me keep my sanity one weekend and cookie box at a time. I've made some great friends and roommates here: Waldo and Squinty, JK, Alphabet, MyTsai, K2, Liu, Smallsy, Doc and Zola, Casey, Johnny, and of course my dykes. Thank you all and Goodnight.

2004: Brian Faison
2010: Ryan Rogers

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2; Model Arab League 2,1; The Cadet 1; Corporal 3; Club Lacrosse 1; New Guy 4,3,2,1;

I had never heard of VMI before I got a letter from the lacrosse coach asking me to come on a visit. I used to go to W&L in the summer for lacrosse camps, but I still did not know that VMI existed. Somehow I was convinced to come here and I have made it all four years. It has been a wild ride and I am ready for it to be over. I can say I have had some good times and made some really good friends. From thirsty Thursdays with Paul, getting faded with Addison, constantly competing for the mirror with John, or keeping Chi Chi from destroying my stuff; the good times have always been there. John, Chi, and Addison, we will always be rockin' the Decision Maker shirts everywhere we go and every time we get together it is going to be shit show. To all the lax guys, it was a great time and I wish you guys all the best. Spring breaks at the Ramada Inn, overtime victory against Robert Morris, and those crazy things Dougie Fresh would say, it really was a great experience. I have to send out a special salute to FIFA Soccer 06, which exponentially lowered all of our grades. To my family, I can never thank you enough for all the support you all have given me. To Allison, you have helped me through everything and I can never thank you enough for that. This place has always put us in a tough position, but we have always made it through together. In closing, I know I will come out of this place with the ability to handle pretty much anything thrown at me and do it with style, but most importantly, I will always remember life is great when you are not in barracks.

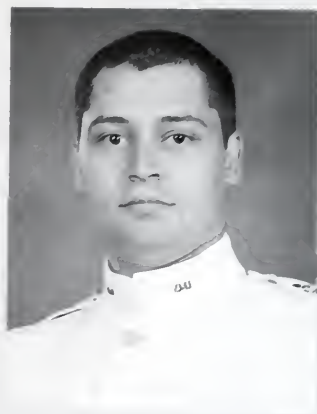
2004: Sean O'Donnell
2010: Bobby Davis

Varsity Soccer 4,3,2,1; Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Beta Beta Beta 2,1; Molecular Biology Research 4,3,2,1; ASM 2,1; Dean's List 4,2,1; GMSC 4,3,5; S6 Corporal 3; Big Brother/Big Sister 3; Theatre 4,3; SPCA volunteer 4,3,2,1; Club Softball 1; 1st class PVT; Rack PT; BAC

It's been a long four years, but I wouldn't have made it through the first one without my Truest Tabb buddies by my side, Karen and Rae. I'm sorry I dragged you all into this, ha ha. We came here to build a team, and now at the other end, we can see all that we have accomplished. We went from "Mass substitution! Get in there Sally!" and the GMSC to beating our first Division 1 team and having close games with the top schools in our conference! To all the soccer girls- keep on going strong! To Eri, my favorite summer time buddy! Never forget our body surfing down the Maury, and then when we were smart enough to use floats those got turned over too! To marathon Nintendo nights and our giant dog Stonevall. On the sunny Fridays when we would take off of work early to swim at Goshen, and riding the camel at the state fair. We leave our legacy here with our carnival fish who somehow have managed to turn three years old. To my roomies Tab, Mira and Sally who have always been there for me, and can always share a good laugh. To the biology crew, who have spent countless hours studying together, and to the miracle known as Calculus 2, where every bio major passed! Megan and Sarah, you both are stronger than you know and I am so proud of you both. Remember to always think for yourself and keep on doing well in all that you do. For all my Ratties, you are all a bunch of crazy kids, but I love ya guys anyway. To my family who has always supported me in whatever I have chosen, and have come to every home game possible to cheer me on! My #1 fans! To Jeff my strength and confidant, for always being there for me through thick and thin, and for the best/craziest memories that will never fade. To great friends and good times, and memories that will last a lifetime.

"Here's to the nights we felt alive, Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry
Here's to goodbye, Tomorrow's gonna come too soon." -Eve 6

2004: Jason Quash
2009: Megan Strand 2010: Sarah McIntosh



John Elliot Beducian
Roxboro, NC
Army - Biology



Ryan W. Benson
Centreville, VA
Air Force - Mathematics



Vanessa M. Berrios
Yorktown, VA
Air Force - Biology



Karen A. Bill
Yorktown, VA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Justin A. Bishop
Gloucester, VA
Army - Psychology



Justin A. Blanks
Chesapeake, VA
Air Force - International Studies

Soccer 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Big Brother/Big Sister 1, GMSC 4,3,2,1

The past four years are a blur. It was mostly filled with soccer, late nights doing work, more late nights of having fun, and so much BS in between. I can't wait to get out of this time warp. Mom, Dad, Scott and Shelly: You've supported and believed in me since it started, on and off the field. You kept me thinking positive even in the worst of times. I'll always remember the reiteration that I could still transfer to Tech. haha I love you guys!

My CE boys: We suffered many late nights, but somehow we made it through (with help from K2 and Wes). You are a great group of guys and you will all do great things! Oh, and I guess I'll let all the Schneider jokes slide... You know you were part of the GMSC when you... 1. have a boy nickname. 2. hate the Manchester United test. 3. remember Clancy. 4. know your attrition rate was 50%. It wasn't easy, but we made it! We started with eleven (including the infamous Kellen) and dwindled to a mere but solid five. I couldn't imagine doing this without you. 208 and 108 Rats: Don't let VMI get you down. Seek excellence in everything. You all chose to come to VMI because you wanted the toughest challenge. Make the best of this experience - you have to take initiative and go get it! Oh, yeah! And have some fun along the way! Soccer gals: It has come a long way. Not to sound like my pre-game emails but... Motivate yourself to be the best that you can. The team will be as good as YOU make it. Most of all remember that We Beat The Frickin' Citadel!! Eri, Britt and Raevon: Greatest roommates ever! We've shared tons of great times, with more to come. I am anxious to see what great things you will accomplish. Friends (especially rooms 103 and 123): Thanks for the fun times! Keep in touch! I love you all! Ski trip crew: We have to keep the tradition going... See you all every winter!

2004: Ryan Shealy, Derric Borthwick

2009: Jackie Morton, Shannon Smith, Lauren McKinley
2010: Virginia Taylor, Jess Robbins, Julie Markow, Michelle Feolie, Kate Lamneck

VMI has definitely been a challenge these past 4 years, but in many ways it is like the shiny red wagon you hold dear as a child. At first, it was all you hoped it could be; you had read all about the red wagon in magazines and maybe even seen it in action on TV. When you finally had it sitting in front of you, it was shimmering and filled to the brim with all of the fun you were going to have with it. Over time that shimmer began to fade and paint was scraped off at the edges, revealing the ugly brown steel underneath. But every dent and scrape was accompanied by a new tale; sometimes harrowing, sometimes funny, and sometimes inexplicable. After enough time had passed, you began to see yourself shining back from inside the busted red wagon. Eventually, there were only three wheels left, the handle was severely bent, and less than half of the original coat of paint still remained. But it is comforting to know that the red wagon had been there all the way to hell and back. As I part with my trusty old red wagon, I am grateful for all of the time we shared and will cherish every scar it helped give me.

To Charles and Steve: cross the finish line with nothing left, but make sure you take the time to enjoy yourself along the way. They weren't kidding when they said it goes by fast.

To my fellow members of the best company on the hill: you guys were the rock and the glue. The legendary fallouts, gaping head wounds, water balloons over Sally Port, running towards the light at JMU, the trampoline behind the W&L beach houses, and the never-ending debauchery that was South Beach are just a few of the moments forever burned into my memory. The Institute will never know a more capable and worthy bunch of arrogant bastards.

I couldn't have made it to the end without the support of my entire family. Thank you for every vote of confidence, care package, and swift kick in the ass.

And yes, that is me on top of the crane used to build the third barracks.

2004: Edward Cooper

2010: Steven Kerr, Charles Range

Cadre 3,2; PRIVATE 1; RDC 1,

It's been a long 1369 days since matriculation. During that time I've had a lot of good times. Formations. Showers. Lunch. Showers. More formations. Status checks. Showers. More lunches. Showers. Breakfast. Showers. Marching around the front yard of barracks with my boom stick. The list goes on. Every day offered nothing new. It was great. Thankfully my place of residence moved to Harrisonburg on the weekends. Then it was back to school on Monday which I really didn't mind because I fell asleep in most every class but somehow still managed to learn and now I have a degree.

To all my roommates over the years, I've thoroughly enjoyed sharing my cell with you. Especially the ones whose last names end in vowels. You know who you are. You crazy Italians have fit every stereotype perfectly giving me hours of enjoyment. The Didominican, Nicky T, Pic-Doctor, LaTightshirt, and El Salvatore. Thanks for the cannoli's by the way. Delicious. Devin and Alec...the other side of the fence is looking good. Big H-P, we'll be celebrating your 30th before too long. Johnny Mcknizzle, if you come back I'm gonna come visit and I'll make sure you're back by taps to check my space. To all of us in "the hoss-cat crew", at least we saw the light through the opaqueness and weren't just bricks in the wall. I'll see you on the other side. Peace.

2004: Derek Raymond

2009: David Adams, 2010: Alex Beckstrand

Class of

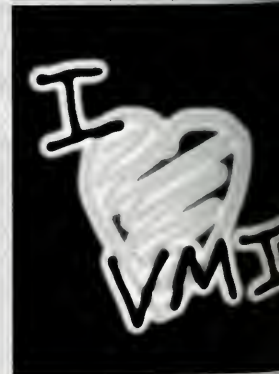
KB, Billozzer



Justin



EL Blanco, Wanks, Blank-a-saur



Marathon 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2; Private 4,3,2; Lieutenant 1; Drinking Club 2,1; Hater 4,3,2,1; NSIB 4,3,2,1



Nick



D-Brock



Robbie



"This is this." Four years is a long time. A lot happened in this time, like losing all of my hair. I can't really say I've done much or accomplished anything. I spent the majority of my cadetship sleeping. Not many people can say they sleep from noon until SRC everyday and go to bed by taps regardless of work. I'd probably write more, but like everything else here, I waited until the last minute to do it and I really don't feel like putting forth the effort to think harder about what I've actually done. I think back to the last thing my dykes told me. One of their main points was to never get caught doing something stupid. Luckily I've done so. The other thing was to NEVER associate with the females here. They told me they would disown me and then kill me if I ever did such a thing. Not wanting to become a walk of shame, I followed these last dyke orders. As much fun as life has been here it must come to an end. I'll miss the good times with the three roommates and the loyal friends. I leave behind all that I know with my legacy (my rat). My last effort here is to teach my rat the many things I have learned that aren't on paper in some book for Miss Dubois's class.

2004: Ben Nehrke
2010: Thomas Chapman

Rat Challenge; Hotel Co. Cpl and Sgt.; Rat Challenge Pugal Stick/ Ranger Pit CIC; Hotel Co. Cpl, Sgt, and First Class Private; RDC First Class Rep

The best thing for me to do is to leave some advice... embrace the suck. The benefits of what you do here are often not realized until you're gone. Apart from the classes and endless hours in the lab I have come to recognize a few things. VMI is not the barracks nor the classrooms nor the teachers. It is the cadets that reside and survive within. This said I have found that my friends are what I have gained from this place and they have helped me to keep my sanity. Sure all that VMI stuff is well and good, but what is better is that you will never again have so many guys as crazy as you who have your back. What I remember most looking back on VMI are my experiences with my Brother Rats, not equations or formulas in a book. If you can't look back on your experiences and be able to say..."what was I thinking" and have a BR say "come on, it was worth the story", you have not yet fully lived the life of a VMI Cadet.

2004: Geoff Goldsmith
2010: Joseph Simmers

NCAA Men's Soccer Team 4; Habitat for Humanity 4; Corporal 3; Big Brother/Big Sister 3; VMI Rugby Team 3; Assistant Chairman of Ring Design 3,2; Sergeant 2; RDC 1

First and foremost, thank you God for opening the doors that led me here and for providing me with the strength to make it through. I owe everything I have accomplished to You!

Second, thank you to my family for all your love and support through the past 4 years. I love you all very much!

I owe so much to my roommates, Mikey, Clefer, Chuck, and Sean. I really do not know how I would have made it through this place without you guys! The bond we have created is one that will never be torn. We have had so many great laughs together (Mikey with your magnets), and of course, with 5 completely different personalities, we have pushed each other to the edge at times. I can't help but sit back and laugh at all the memories we have created and share. You guys have made me a better person, and I love you all like a brother. I wish all four of you the best of luck as we venture away from the Mother I, and my prayers will be with you forever!

Preston, you have been a great rat and friend. Keep up the hard work, and soon enough you will be writing this same column as your VMI career comes to a close.

Peace, Love, and God Bless! RAH VIRGINIA MIL!

2004: Geoff Goldsmith
2010: Preston Landt



Nicholas S. Boykin
Richmond, VA
Army-History



Daniel T. Brock
Charlotte, NC
Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



Robert E. Brooke, III
Chesapeake, VA
Air Force - Economics/Business



Jason K. Brown
Dunkirk, MD
Army - History

Bravo Co. 9th Corporal; Bravo Co. First Class Private; Rugby 4,3; Marathon Club 2,1; Bodybuilding 2; Army Aviation Association 2,1

Being ghost 9th Corporal rocks. Being a First Class Private amongst a bunch of great guys is even better. Having wonderful co-dykes didn't hurt. The 132 Challenge is not fun, but it can be funny. Florida is a wonderful place to visit, but it'd make an even better place to live. Little plastic darts go a long way towards keeping Dave awake. One pound burgers are delicious and nutritious. Class parties are great, whether you remember them or not. You know it's a good Ring Figure when the band is drinking too. The clang of a ring on the floor is enough to make any cadet cringe. Contrary to popular belief, a big shiny ring doesn't always attract women, sometimes it just blinds them. Weekends are wonderful, extended weekends are pure bliss. Siblings are nice to have around, sometimes. Parents are the greatest thing in the world. Friends keep me sane and grounded, which is nice. And brother rats, well, they're the reason I made it through this place. One final word of advice: tactical maneuvers are best attempted before the consumption of alcohol.

2004: Gary Cutler
2010: David Lochart



Eric A. Bruns
West Palm Beach, FL
Army - Military History

Rank 3,2; Cadet Newspaper 3,2,1

I never thought that we would reach this point, but it is finally here. It's hard to reach a turning point like this and not look back on the last four years and wonder if it was all worth it. Looking back I can honestly say that I don't regret spending my college years at VMI. But it is not because of the academic program, the military system or even our much vaunted honor code. I don't regret VMI because of the people I've met and the friends I've made during my time here. I don't want to mention names here because there are so many to mention. So I will simply say this: thank you to all of my friends that made this place bearable when it had become unbearable. Getting to know all of you was reason enough to stay through all the dark times at the "I." To my father: thank you for everything you have done for me over the past four years. I simply could not have accomplished everything without your unyielding support. And finally, to the Rats: keep your chin up and drive through whatever this place throws at you. I have confidence in your ability to beat this place. Just remember what we taught you. Everybody take care of yourselves. We are all capable of great things and I'm sure none of you will disappoint in the coming year.

2004: Jim Bean
2010: Jeff Turner



Wadsworth Bugg, IV
Richmond, VA
Army - Economics/Business

Private 4,3,2,1; VMI Lacrosse 4; The Drive 2,1; Big Red Club 1; OGA 1

Before I even came to VMI, my aunt told me to look for a guy named Worth Bugg. My mom and I laughed and said: "Worth Bugg?? What kind of name is that???" I'm sure he's an interesting guy! Well, as it turns out, I ended up having Rat Chemistry with Worth in Hink's class and it went from there. One thing is for sure, he was a hell of a lacrosse player, despite the improvements Coach Bartlett recommended. From the lacrosse study hall sessions—listening to Nick Worek cry over "Secret Garden"—to living with him for 2 years, what a ride it's been. From 10 Man in a Suburban, corps trips to Richmond, going to the bars and the Lax Frat House, to even buying more DVDs than anyone I know, and rubbing it off on me, there was a never a dull moment...especially around Christmas time when he seems to be happiest...sober.

I wasn't sure if VMI was the place for me. After four years, I would not have it any different. Mom, Dad, E, and Josie, there is no way that I could have done this without you. I love you and thanks for coming up here all the time. I am so lucky to have each of you.

To the corner, I love all you guys and there was never a dull day. To Room 150, Stu, Steve, Alex, and Marc, we had more fun inside this place than anyone could imagine. We have so many great memories, and forgotten a few too. This is just the beginning for us. You boys are my home.

"There are few things pure in this world anymore, and home is one of the few. We'd have a drink outside, maybe run and hide if we saw a couple men in blue. To me it's so damn easy to see that true people are the people at home. Well, I've been away but now I'm back today, and there ain't a place I'd rather go." —O.A.R.

2004: Jarrett Brown
2010: Jonathan Price, Lincoln Splettstoesser

Class of

Downtown



Blue



Worth, Bugg





Blue, Reichsmarschall



Cab, Cabby, 5 Speed



I want to start by thanking my rat room mate for helping me out so much. My dykes for making me the laid back guy I am. Cyrus you taught me so much and tried so hard to keep me out of trouble. I have definitely have proved so many wrong by making it as far as I have. I will never forget the laughs I have had with the best, most loyal friends ever. Sammy, Brant, and Ryan we had some crazy nights in the three tweeze. Tommy I still remember chilling during STP like it was yesterday. Brant, I know for sure I wouldn't have made it this far without you. I owe the both of you so much for looking out for me as much as you all did. Mike and Zac the 148 will live on for ever. ties, logs, red ball, 40s, MRE's, ciggy fusses, "WB", and "hoss-cat-red-necks". I in no way regret summer school ever summer. We had some of the wildest parties of our lives out there. Holla to Legg, J-40, Zane and to the best co-dyke ever, Mish I will never forget the uncountable wild times and laughs we had together. I could always depend on you Mish, no matter how risky it was. To The Corner, we party hard and will live life harder. Reid you where a great rat and to the rest of The 148 rats, remember where you come from, what we taught you, and most importantly, look out for one another. Your trust in your friends is all you have here. Sloan you are the best little bro ever and I know you will do awesome. Lastly, to the class of 2008, sorry for the sweat party but that was G-not-so money and me that blow up the X-mas tree with a Molotov cocktail.

2004: Cyrus Kump, Matt Keck, Steven Walker
2010: Reid Stelly, Will Orndorff, Lance Long, Will Quarles

Army ROTC 4,3,2,1; RDC Representative 1; S-1 Captain 1; S-1 Sergeant 2; S-1 Corporal 3; Wrestling 4

How do you sum up four years of VMI in less than 350 words...? I came to VMI to learn how to become a leader; and I think I did that. Along the way though... that's what won't fit on this page. I learned how not to lead, how to be a follower, how to be a good sport, when to be angry and when to pretend you aren't, how to learn and how to teach, how to deal with criticism and how to laugh at yourself... and everything in between. Most importantly, I learned what good friends can do for you. There were several occasions here that without my brother rats, I wouldn't be the man I am today. Without Mike McAvoy, and even Mike Tu, I probably would have burnt out and resigned. McAvoy, a history major who loves his sleep like a bear in hibernation, really deserves a medal for putting up with the endless late nights.

I also have to thank the people I got to work with throughout my time here at VMI. You helped give me the leadership experience I needed. Even Captain Faust, who was often the reason for my frustration, taught me an even-handed and fair leadership style that cannot be overstated.

Of course, I never would have made it through here without the support of my fiancée, Marisa Burns. She really deserves a guy who is cooler and who would be able to buy whatever she wants, but sooner or later everybody wins the lottery or gets that perfect hand of poker. Mine just came at the end of my senior year of high school and I was just smart enough to know how lucky I was and held on to her. Finally, I should write about my family, who backed me up regardless of what choices I made or didn't make. If my mom had known what VMI was like before I matriculated I might be somewhere else right now; but she didn't and I got to go through the awesome experience of the Institute. The boxes from home and constant support were a solid base from which I built my success here.

There it is, my whole time here and thanks summed up on less than a page. To my brother rats, look me up when you're in Ohio, if not, I'll see you at the reunion. To everyone else, I hope I left the Institute a better place then I found it.

2004: Lincoln Clark
2007: Jarrod Cartwright

Equestrian Club 4

I'm not really sure why I came to VMI, but in the end I am glad that I did. It is difficult to explain how I feel, but I know that this journey has been worth it. This has been an interesting four years. From the endless practice parades to the nights out with my BRs, it has all been amazing. I have met a lot of awesome people who have made a huge impression on my life while I was here. I will never forget what lessons I have learned and I am grateful for that. All four of my dykes were great and they contributed so much to my survival at VMI and life in general. My BRs are great and they have probably made living these past four years in barracks bearable. There are so many great memories that it almost makes me regret leaving this place...almost.

First class year has been the best year in barracks. I have to thank my roommates Rob Russman and Dustin Schultz for the amazing year. Thank you guys for everything. It has been such an experience. To my rats: I cannot forget you. I expected a lot out of you and you rose to the challenge. Good luck to you all and thank you for the amazing experience.

2004: Adam "Chuck" Halstead
2010: Matt Graham, Justin Way



Colin R. Burns
Midlothian, VA
Army - Mechanical Engineering



Matthew B. Burton
Casstown, Ohio
Army - Physics



Manuel R. Caballero, III
Moreno Valley, CA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Benjamin J. Campbell
Vinton, VA
Army - Psychology

No history provided.



Michael D. Canning
Dallas, TX
Navy - Economics and Business



Benjamin B. Carlson
Midlothian, VA
Army - International Studies

2004: Robert Simmons
2010: Lucas Whitman

Ice Hockey 4,3,2,1; Lacrosse 4,3; Private 4,3,2,1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 1; Sigma Beta Delta 1

It's pretty easy to sum up Mike Canning: walking circus. Pretty much says it all. He's the kind of guy that you either love or hate and that can change on a daily basis, but I loved the kid, how can you not love a kid that will sleep in the bathtub so you can... Or that will do some of the most ridiculous stuff for \$21 (well really \$14) and then later do it willingly. From saving me when I was hammered and my dyke threw a burning stick on me in our tent, to going to W&L doing what he does best, to a great story with a keg second class year, to trumping even himself first class year on pretty much every weekend we took. We can all agree, if you have ever heard about anything that he has done or convinced me to do, he makes it into the ridiculous person book, near the top by The Max. Mike is the kind of guy you love to have on your team and hate to be against, but through everything him, Jon, and I will always be on the same team (and part of the same club). I have learned a lot from Mike, whether that is good or bad we will see. But two things are for sure: things will only get more ridiculous and Mike is a Real American-MAK.

I've had a great time with my roommates and all my friends here. We've never let the "rules" get the best of us, and have always been determined to have fun. Jagoff night 3rd class year will go down with as one of the most ridiculous ever. I can't say my time here has turned out exactly as I had planned when I matriculated, but I will tell you that I wouldn't have wanted it to turn out any other way than it did. To everyone who gave me a laugh and/or kicked my ass, including my dyke, my roomies, Mikey, DJ K. Timbo, the Zookeeper, The Max, Scuba Steve, B-Rad, Johnny and last but not least, The Deemroller, Thanks.

2004: Drew Hardin
2010: Pat Simpson

Little John II 1, Echo Co. Private 4,3,2,1; First Class Permit (FCP) 1, Ranger Challenge 3,2

Dear me, how the years have flown by. I remember when I was a young man, full of hope and vigor getting ready to embark on my adult life, and then I matriculated into VMI and all that adult life stuff got to be put on hold for about 4 years. I guess I'm pretty much okay with that, I mean what was I gonna do instead? Well, it was a heck of a great 4 years. The ratline was great, a first rate operation indeed. I also got to do some awesome Army stuff in my time here like rifle cleaning and wandering around in the woods in search of small brightly colored signs. My dyke and I had a great time (I'll never forget the mischievous fun I had "cover-chucking" on the 3rd stoop). I was fortunate enough to be blessed with two wonderful rats, who are both unique and special in their own ways (like snowflakes, you know?), that I have molded into true communist stomping citizen soldier machines of destruction. I really appreciate my brother rats as they have come through for me on many occasions, especially my roommates, Ryan Marsh and Matt Shea. Most of all I want to thank my mom, without whom none of this would have been possible. Thanks for your assistance and constant encouragement to keep my life the hell on track.

Later VMI. 07, 07, 07, agghhhhh.....

2004: Richard J. Conaroe II
2010: David Milligram, Dan Morley

Class of

Ben



Mike



Streetshark





ash, Cash Money, Money



anger Joe, Cassin the Assassin



ce, Juicy-J, Juice Box, The Sparkplug



These 4 years have gone surprisingly fast. My journey down the road less traveled has had many speed bumps but I think the light at the end of the tunnel will be worth it. I have many thanks to give. First, to the crew, keep it raw! We have enough crazy memories to last a lifetime; keep in touch. To my teammates, it's been fun. Looking back, they were hours and hours and hours well spent at the Patch, but only because of you all. I owe the most to my family. Your support has meant the world to me. Mom, Dad, Elyse; you have loved, supported and most importantly believed in me. You've given more than I could have ever asked for and I know I'll never be able to repay you, so thank you is all I can say. To my rats, keep a positive attitude, work hard, be patient and take advantage of every opportunity you get. You won't regret your decision to come to VMI; I'm sure of it. Leigh, our time apart has showed me just how much you mean to me and how much I love you. This is just the start; it's our time now.

2004: Dave Poldiak
2010: Hunter Naff, Rob Lamas

Club Boxing 4; Corporal 3; Ranger Challenge 3, 2; NCMT Cadre 3; Pre-SCUBA 3; Rugby 2

The past four years have been interesting, to say the least. The longest days turned into the shortest years; and the years turned out to be filled with memories that will last a life time. I'll never forget the completely irrelevant debates that lasted for hours after Taps, or our drive to finish random TV series as quickly as possible, or the endless hours we spent marching in circles. I'll never forget watching Nuts "march", and I'm still trying to figure out how Matt passed his classes while managing to sleep 18 hours a day; and there was no way I knew how much my life would change when Mike moved in... But in the end, the bonds formed within these four walls cannot be broken, and they alone have made these past four years the best years of my life.

2004: Jason Brightwell
2010: Ben Popko, Mat Wright

Varsity Basketball 1,3,4; Corner 1,2; Virginia History Society 1

Damn, is it May yet? First things first, I gotta give a shout out to the corner. I'm gonna miss you guys. I can't even put into words how excited I am to get out of this place. This has been the best and worst four years of my life. After my hell week experience, I never thought I'd make it this far, I didn't want to. I wanted to lead a normal life at a normal college, get drunk, skip class, repeat. But as much as I complain about this place, I love it. I can't imagine that there is another school that could have prepared me for the future, as the Mother "I" has. There is no doubt in my mind that I can overcome any obstacles in my way in the years to come, and I owe that to this school. What I love the most about VMI are the friends that I have made. I can't say enough about you guys. I never could have imagined that I would have so many close friends that could always make me laugh even when I had the rage. To my roommates, we did it fellas, three long years together that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I'll never forget studying for a test third class year, and looking up to see T-bone punch the window out of the door, or the time T-bone put my computer out of commission for three months with a pellet gun. I'm gonna miss coming back from basketball games with Moo, knowing that my boys were gonna be in 150 waiting to break down every part of the game, and listening to them tell stories of the ref flicking them off, or Stu picking a fight with Sunshine at the Winthrop game, I loved every second of it. Ya'll made this season the most fun I've ever had playing basketball, so thank you. To my teammates, I love you guys. Even when I was running 22's because one of you was late to study hall, I still respected all of you because of the hard work we put in together. To Moo the handshake whore, and Freddy: Rob my future financial advisor, I can't tell you what an honor it was to play four years of college basketball with you guys. We ended our career in style fellas, and we should be proud. I want to thank my Dad, if it wasn't for you I never would have gotten to this point. I'll never be able to repay you for all that you've done for me, and taught me over the years. All I can do is say thank you, and I love you. So I guess I made the right choice, VMI was good to me, I got a first class education, got to play college basketball, and met some of the best friends anyone could ever ask for. Yo Ed, aren't you glad we didn't go to Catawba?

DON'T SLEEP ON KEYDET BASKETBALL IN 07-08!!!
2004: Erica Ardolino
2010: Carl Josey



Ian M. Casher
Cresson, PA
Army - History



Joseph P. Cassin
Singapore
Army - History



John A. Castleberry
Virginia Beach, VA
Air Force - Economics and Business



Charles T. Catlett, Jr.
Poquoson, VA
Army - Civil Engineering



Christopher P. Chang-Lo
San Francisco, CA
Navy - Economics and Business



Justin P. Chetney
Hampton, VA
Marine Corps - History

Club Basketball 4,3,1; Private 4,3,2,1; The Corner 2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1

Upon coming here in 2003, I had never expected to have as many close friends as I do now (the corner and others). I would like to thank all the boys for keeping me sane these past four years. They all know who they are. I would also like to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend this prison. Without all their support and trips to Lex Vegas, I'm not for sure I would've gotten out of here.... on time. I would also like to thank this place for making the man I have become and look forward to whatever the future may bring.

2004: Brandon Boor
2010: Brian Connolly

Where has all the time gone? These four years have been the toughest and most enjoyable years of my life. The people I have met have pulled me through all the hardships we have all endured together. Mom, Dad and Jen: You've pushed me to be the best I can be. Thank you for everything, I love you both. Matt is-it-wrong-to-be-wet Davis: my Israeli brother, we've been roommates since rat year. I've never felt closer to anyone before.... We hold down the beer drinking for room 5-15 all the good times, 21st birthdays, the palms and don tequilas...it's been absolutely amazing. Sour Kraut Tom: despite the random occurrence as having you joining Matt and myself rat year, it has been an amazing time. You need to go on a diet, mach schnell!!!! By the way, I'll visit you to watch Oblivion. Liu: my Taiwanese brother, you are amazing, one of the greatest guys out there even though you tried to kill our roommate. Jeff: it's been a wild ride you crazy polish man you. Just Dave: I love you man. We've seen you grow, and you've never been considered just our rat.... You're Just-Dave, a brother to us all. Molly: You've always been there for me; I can't thank you enough for everything. I like jelly. 08 Delta: you all are amazing. I'll be back to party. 09 Delta: I haven't known yall for too long. You all are crazy. Matt Hendricks and Mark Lenzi, you are my heroes.

It's been a very long road, and it is finally coming down to a bittersweet end. As always I've pushed this until 5 minutes before it's supposed to be sent. Not much time to be nostalgic, but thoughts are racing through my mind and I don't know how to verbalize any of it. I wish I had more disposable words to use instead of the 350-word count to write to everyone who has impacted my life. The last thing I will leave yall with is I love you all, and thank you for everything. Does your chain hang low?

2004: Anthony Peters, John Ginder, Justin Roberts
2009: Dave Radke, 2010: Micha Kromm

Football 4,3,2,1; Habitat For Humanity 2,1; Unanswered Specials 2; Cadet Battery 4; Skeet Shooting Club 2; Ring Painting 2

I really don't know what to put here. Each year has blended into the others and from the lack of sleep and other such stresses on my life, I have forgotten most of everything. It's going to be history though... soon enough. Only a little longer, then I become a professional bum w/ my History degree.

2004: Scott Campbell
2010: JB Burselson, Steve Cary

Class of

T-Money, T-Murder, T-Bone, T-Di



Hung-Lo, C-Lo, Chain Hang-Low



Chet





Joffrey



Josh



Ziggy, Stardust



Private 4,3,1; Color Sergeant 2; Regimental S-4 L1 1; Bataan Death March 3,2; Rack Challenge 4,3,2,1; Wearer of Captain Faust's First Class Private Belt

Every morning, I wake up right before BRC and question why I am still here. But after a minute or two of looking around, I figure out why I am here another day. It's more than just that huge rock on my finger or any of that other propaganda which they try to force feed us daily. It is because of the people that I am around everyday. Wayne, through all that we have been through this year, we really have beaten the system. They tried to shove everything they had at us, but we deflected it all. I know that I would not have made it through this place if it wasn't for you! Rooming with you this year has definitely been one of the best decisions in my four years here. Travis, tough break bud. I can't believe that they finally won...for now. Second semester was not the same without you. I am jealous that you got to live the dream, while we embraced the suck. Wayne and I missed you and your beautiful hair. Derric and Ryan, you both are responsible for helping me through this place. I will be forever indebted to your mentoring. You both are some of the best friends I've ever had! Thanks for letting me wear that private's belt for a bit. Brought back some memories. Quincy, Sally, Karen, Kathleen, and Hunter, you all are also some of the best friends that I have had. We have spent so much time together these past 4 years and had so many great times. Room 109 has so many memories and stories which only a select few will remember. All I can say is remember lunch with Derric and Ryan? Hunter and his amazing eating skills? Footlong Fridays? Those were great times. Never forgot. Dave, while we didn't room together this year, the past two years were a blast. Even this year, we spent a lot of time together and we had some great times. Preston, I'm sorry everything happened the way it did this year. Always know though, no matter what this school throws at you, keep your head up high. I guarantee I will be back sometime and we will definitely have to catch up. We basically missed a whole year together. To everyone else that I forgot, sorry. I am forever grateful for all of you. You have helped me through this place. If any of you ever need anything, you know I am always here!

2004: Derric Borthwick
2010: Preston Landt

Rat Challenge Corporal; Bodybuilding 2, 1; OGA 1

As I leave VMI and make the transition into the United States Army as an Armor officer, I leave this to those who will stay behind:

"That is what this struggle against terrorist groups or states is about. We're not fighting for domination. We're not fighting for an American world, though we want a world in which America is at ease. We're not fighting for Christianity, but against religious fanaticism of all kinds.

And this is not a war of civilizations, because each civilization has a unique capacity to enrich the stock of human heritage.

We are fighting for the inalienable right of humankind--black or white, Christian or not, left, right or a million different--to be free, free to raise a family in love and hope, free to earn a living and be rewarded by your efforts, free not to bend your knee to any man in fear, free to be you so long as being you does not impair the freedom of others.

That's what we're fighting for. And it's a battle worth fighting."

Tony Blair's Speech to Congress I'll catch you on the flipside.

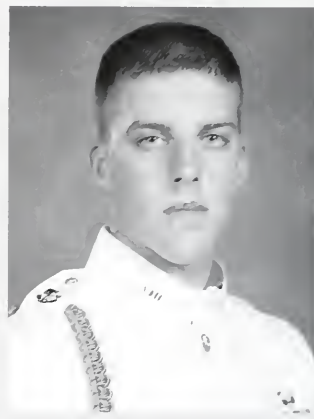
2004: Brian Trueblood
2010: Matt Sinkez

Soccer 4,3,2,1; Track 3,2,1; Women's Bible Study 3,2,1; Sigma Tau Delta 1; Virginia Woolf Salon 1; Sounding Brass 1

In the moments of your life you are engaging to spend reading my history, instead, take time to change the world for the better. In the spirit of love and with the desire to make something lasting come out of your skimming over of my VMI history, please do one of the following: give someone a hug, pray for those who are poor/sick/lonely/in danger/ grieving/ helpless, tell someone you love that you love them and tell them why they enrich your life, call your parents or family members and thank them for support, talk to the lonely girl or guy and find out what makes them special, recall your youthful innocence and question who you are today, or look in the mirror and remind yourself that you are a wonderful creation despite your flaws, blemishes, and failures and that this moment can be the start of a new life.

I hope that you used this time wisely, because, unfortunately, you will never have it back.

2004: Sarah Johnson
2009: Kelsey Stafford, 2010: Kathleen Underwood



Jeffery M. Choma
Wyckoff, NJ
Army - History



Joshua T. Christian
Smithfield, VA
Army - International Studies



Hatley T. Clifford
Plano, TX
Air Force - English



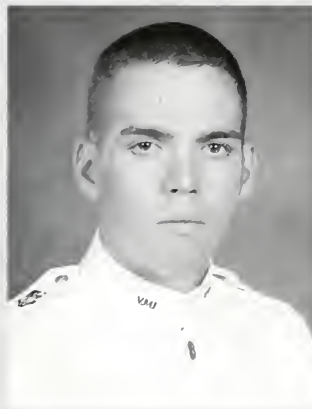
Salome E. Coffman
Warrenton, VA

Air Force - Modern Languages and Cultures



Joshua B. T. Copes
Cincinnati, OH

Army - International Studies



Michael A. Cornell
Blackstone, VA

Marine Corps - International Studies

EMT 3,2,1; Big Brother/ Big Sister 2,1; Bodybuilding Club 1; Cadet Waiter 3,2,1

The words are short, but no less heartfelt.

To Ryan and Derric: The best dykes ever. I learned so much from you guys and I can only hope that I carried on your legacy well.

To Room 103 Rats: I am very proud of ALL of you for coming this far already. Carry on strong and I expect to see every one of you walk the stage for YOUR diploma in 3 years.

To my Brother Rats: Every single one of you has touched my life in some way. Thank you for your influence and for helping me become, in part, the person I am today.

To Tab, Mira, and Ness: Awesome roommates. From Rat year to First class year, we shared a lot together. We've gained a lot of good stories and memories (mostly about Mira), and I look forward to many more to come. Thank you for sharing my room and my life for so long. I will miss you guys and I wish you the best of luck in the future.

To Daniele: Our relationship was complicated by VMI, but it survived. You were the most understanding and PATIENT fiancé I could hope for. Thank you for putting up with me thus far.

Last but definitely NOT least, To my Parents: Thank you for supporting me during my time at VMI. I could never have done it without you. I love you both very much.

2004: Ryan Shealy

2010: Asia Pastor, Jessica Schulze

"I was within and without, simultaneously enchanted and repelled by the inexhaustible variety of life."

I got to know Josh during the Ratline because we went to church together to try to meet W&L girls. We didn't meet any. Needless to say, Josh became a great friend and roommate. What will I remember about him? I tend to remember the little things. For example, he eats mostly salads, cereal, and PB&Js. When he takes naps, Josh wears a red bandana over his eyes and he drools. Josh works out a lot. A lot. I'm pretty sure he'll be the next John Basedow. He may even be a CNN anchorman given his trademark hair. Check out his hair in the picture above. See what I mean? Beatnik literature and music from the 60s and 70s gave Josh a new perspective on life. Captain Blakey thought his Yerba Mate was weed. Josh spent a lot of time third class year playing guitar and that really annoyed Ryan.

I'm running out of space, so I'll just list a few things that remind me of Josh: Maury's front lawn, the bathroom at the cabin, riding 4 wheelers, chip-n-dales Rat year, Paul Mitchell products, five o'clock shadows at noon, BBB, Dream Boat, mid-winter formal third class year, studying for Dirty and Special K, Vigo the Carpathian, the rug third class year, eggs during exam weeks, and of course "sixer".

The truth is, Josh is one of the best friends I have ever had. He is what a Brother Rat is and should be. Josh has certainly left his mark on the Institute and I know he will be successful at whatever he chooses to pursue in life.

I am going to keep this short and sweet. I want to thank several people who have played a huge role in my time here. I want to thank my family, John and Andy, who should have been in our class. Col. Ball, Col. Leland: I consider you both friends as well as professors. Tyler and Cheese: Work hard and make the most of this place. Don't become too cynical too soon. Wangsta: You're the boss. Be good next year. But first and foremost, I want to thank my roommates for putting up with me. Being able to live with you guys has been awesome. I owe you guys so much.

2004: Hal Stallworth

2010: Tyler Suttentfield, Logan Barnhill

Marathon Club 4,3,2,1; Cadre Corporal 3; Cadre Sergeant 2; Cadet Newspaper 3; Big Brother/Big Sister 3,2; Rat Challenge 1; Officer of the Guard Association 1

The past four years have been a blur but the best part of my time as a cadet would have to be the time spent making fun of my roommates. The best group of men I have had the privilege to heckle and hound for three plus years. From Ranger Joe's "interesting" childhood to the Potion Master's Fortress of Solitude to the laziness of Delearyous, my roommates have made this place tolerable. The best thing to come from this place is the friendships that are made, for the bond that is created in the rooms of barracks will last forever. The times spent watching worthless TV shows, countless movies and the game systems have severely corrupted our academic careers, but the hours spent each day doing nothing but being lazy LA majors have been glorious. The great road trip to Baltimore, the Thanksgivings spent doing nothing except eating, the shooting of stuffed animals over breaks and the constant complaining about everything has been amazing and I will miss it.

2004: Ben Harris

2010: Silas Belt, T.J. Laird

Class of

Sally



Gaseous Clay, Dream Bo



Mike





Stu, Clint



Man, AC (Help Received: B-L-O-B)



ump, Crumpdawg, John Robert



Swimming 4,3,2, Captain 1; Academic Mentor 2, 1; Drive 1; Club Volleyball 1

It feels good to finally say that my run here at VMI is ending. While there were many bad times over the years here, there were many more good times that were had. Whether it was going to the "beach" during the spring or going on a drive on a boring night, we made the most out of our situation here. Without my roommates, Worth, Steve, Alex, and Marc for a semester; along with all the other guys from "the corner", I would have never been able to make it through. Thanks for all the memories guys. To my rat roommates Isaac, Adam, Michael, and Freddy T you guys were great and I will never forget the day we met. I would like to thank my parents, sister, and brother because without them I would not be where I am today. I couldn't ask for a more supportive family. To my grandma MeMe, you were the reason I came here and you're the reason I stayed. Knowing you were looking down from heaven smiling as I made my way through your favorite place, not mine, kept me going. R.I.P. Eddie, keep moving along, your time will come soon enough. You were all I could ask for in a rat. Don't forget to look after my brother for the next three years. To Will and Jake up at JMU, I know you'll never read this, but without your couch and fridge full of beer I would have gone insane. Thanks for letting me crash anytime I wanted, you'll be my boys forever. I hope the last four years at VMI were worth it, but only time will tell. As for now its time to go live my life the way I couldn't the last 4 years, the way I want to.

2004: Adam Sheldon
2010: Edward Desch

Dragons 2,1; Strength and Fitness Club 3; Bodybuilding 2,1; Cadet Assistant 1, Bulldog 2; Luke A. Gordon Trainee 2,1; Habitual line crosser, 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private

I came to VMI not knowing exactly what to expect. I am leaving VMI knowing that there is a lot more to this place than what appears on its surface level. There are a million reasons to not attend VMI; however, I am more adequately prepared to deal with politicians, hypocrites, and an overactive, unethical chain of command (this is not directed at the student body). VMI cadets face many prejudices; yet I can honestly say that I would rather not have gone anywhere else - simply because of the friends I have made. My sincere thanks to all of those who helped me along the way.

2004: Chris Johnson
2010: Rat was taken from me due to Ryan Smith.

Baseball 4,3,2,1; BASECO 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 2,1; BFK 4,3,2,1; Alpha 4,3,2,1; PS2 All American 4,3,2,1; Keydet 4,3,2,1, For Life

Well the road less traveled finally has come to a dead end. There have been bad times and even worse times, but no matter what, the experience has been worth it. I have met my share of genuine men here and also my share of high school zeros here. To those who venture out into the military, I give you my prayers and support you always. I have realized, here more than anything, that people on the outside world take our soldiers for granted and they should deserve every means necessary to support them. I am grateful for the dykes and rats that I had here. Each one of them taught me something about life and helped me get through this place. Tommy- keep your head up in all of life you have been a great friend and roommate to me through the tough times we had together here. To my BASECO brothers- I will never forget you and the times we spent on the road and on the field. You have made it possible for me to get through this place. To my family- thank you for helping me with everything and always being supportive. To my parents- I will never be able to thank you enough and I truly realize how blessed I am to have the best two VMI parents possible. To Erica- Thank you for helping me through these past two years here and for being my motivation to perform well in the classroom and on the baseball field. Without VMI I would never have made it to you, and without you I never would have made it through VMI. Lord- thank you for guiding me through the toughest 4 years of my life so far and please continue to show me the way through life. Always and Forever Keydet-for-Life!

2004: Jay Saunders, Will Beale, Justin Sloan, Brian Malast
2010: Jordan Ballard, Chris Duty



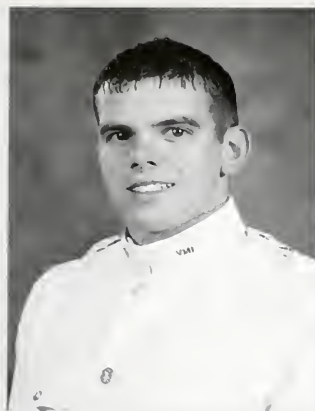
Stuart C. Craft
Richmond, VA
Air Force - Economics and Business



Austin Z. Cronan
Herndon, VA
Marine Corps - Computer Science



John R. Crumpler, III
Suffolk, VA
Army - History



Zachary A. Crush
Clifton Forge, VA
Army - Psychology

The support my family has given me throughout my cadetship has been more than I could ask for, and has made my life at VMI much easier. I cannot count the amount of cards, food, and money they have sent me to support my life as a cadet, for this I am very thankful. However, the friends I have made here, who have been closer to me than brothers, were the main reason I made it to graduation. After realizing what is most important here at VMI, I can expect the rats of 148 to carry on our tradition and succeed as cadets. All members of The Corner will never be forgotten, especially the 148 - and if you knew the 148, you will never forget those 3 things u just don't do! If you don't know, just ask Mike, Colin, or Brant!

2010: William Ordorff



Daniel J. Czupryna
Hillsborough, NJ
Army - Psychology

Rat Challenge 3,2; Body Building 3; Racquetball Club 1; Ranger Company 3; Strength and Endurance Club 2; EMT 1; Private 4,3,2,1; Lineball 2; Citadel Brawl 1; FUFFS 1

I can safely say that VMI successfully changed my outlook on life. Life is too damn short to worry about the future or the present for that matter. My Brother Rats are the only reason I kept coming back every year. No one will ever make it through VMI alone. I am now ready to go tackle life and never think twice about doing something risky or striving for something unattainable. Impossible meant something to me when I was in high school and now it is meaningless. The last four years of my life have helped me recognize that it is simply a jumble of letters forming an empty word.

"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."

2004: Joel Andrus
2010: Matt Turner

Theatre 3,2; Sergeant 2; Aviation 4,3,2; Ice Hockey 3; Soccer 3,2,1; S-5 Lieutenant 1

Four years down and one more to go, I'm taking the long way through this place as I always seem to go. Thank you brother rats, company, co-dykes, and class, you've been my North Star through many of my days and I am within sight of land as you are already embarking on land. Andy, Glen, Lakin, and Ed you are all my close friends and I would not have made it here unless I had your guiding path. Eddie and Dave I hope that I have helped to shape a good cadet out of both of you but more importantly better people. Joey and Kimball I had great times with you two whether it was all three of us or separately I am glad I got to be around you two for these last two years. One year left, no more soccer and back to hockey, '08 here I come, we've got some memories to make and plenty of time to make them. And I finally found a home after searching for four years, thank you Air Force, integrity above self, service before self, and excellence above all else! But Semper Fidelis.

2004: Andrew Frazier
2010: Ahad "Eddie" Ahmed, Dave "Chesty" Phillips



Dana W. Daly
North Reading, PA
Air Force - History

Class of

Zach



Danimal



Jack





Coose, Little Ron



Liz



Matty D, Heeb, Tom, Daddy Davis



Well I guess, over the past four years I've learned a lot of things. I owe more than I could ever acknowledge to all of my friends here, whether or not ya'll believe it. I would not be the person I am today without you. I leave this place with a much different view of both it and the outside world from when I arrived and honestly I wouldn't trade it for the world. I know we will do great things and I cannot wait to see where life takes us.

"No it won't all go the way it should, but I know the heart of life is good."

2004: Dave Bruton
2010: James Hummer

No history provided.



Marcus R. Daniel
Richmond, VA
Army - International Studies



Elizabeth A. Davis

Aviation Club 4,3,2,1 ; Strength and Fitness 3; Bodybuilding 2. Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1.

Four years ago I came to this Institution with a slight inclination of what I was getting myself into. Now four years down the road I can honestly say I have never once regretted coming to the I. The brotherhoods forged and the invaluable lessons learned will be with me the rest of my life. The support of my family, friends and brother rats all made this place a little more bearable. I wouldn't where I am today without you. Thank you for continuously supporting me.

Shuchang "Ernesto", hands down you are the man. I will never forget you trying to kill Tom, creating your own language, Ring Figure, and every ridiculous thing you did in Argentina. Drink some vino back in the motherland for me. Stop being a spy.

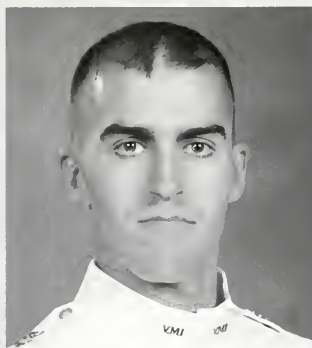
Tom "Colossal Calves", my twin brother. I have some banana pancakes for you but you have to lose the old man jacket first. No, I didn't touch your stuff, inquisitor. The Argentina trip, Citadel trip, spring breaks and all the other crazy adventures we've had together will not be forgotten. Your tint is peeling. Chris "Hung-lo", You ready? For the past four years we have become brothers. It's been an honor rooming with you the past four years. Our nights uptown will live in infamy. Going up the last breakout hill, Ring Figure, corps trips, spring breaks, and summer school are just some of the great memories from the past four years. Just Dave, you are one of the funniest guys I know. Stay motivated about this place and the Army. Keep your eyes on graduation. Thanks for always being there for us. You're one of us. To our rats, we are proud of you. You have each come a long way and are continuously improving. Keep it up and don't let us down.

2004: Craig Hamilton
2009: Dave Radke, 2010: Josh Hill



Matthew S. Davis
Stafford, VA
Army - History

Class of



Sean P. Day
Ladera Ranch, CA

Marine Corps - Economics and Business



Maury A. Denton
Richmond, VA
Army - Economics & Business



Robert A. DiDomenico
Clark, NJ
Army - History

F-Troop OGA Rep. 1; Rugby 3,2,1; Scuba Diving 1; Semper Fi 3,2,1; Big Brothers/Big Sisters 1

To Branham and Lugo: It was a good two years and it was rough not having you boys around to get into rowdiness with us first class year. Lugo, keep makin' them big bucks and runnin' like ricans do. Good luck down the road. Same goes for you B-ham. You're an angry kid, but you'll do big things...or beat up a lot of people, one of the two.

To Anthony "Weekend Raver" Harris: You're the fastest kid I know. Next time, use it to get away from those cops. You studied hard, I didn't see you much, but when I did you were drunk or sleeping...well not so much drunk as "recovering from running too hard." Stay fast, keep away from the high schools (that includes coaching their teams), and do big things.

To Stevo T: I think there's just too much to be said. The follow-up 22 oz., vicious CP slap fights and endless partying with Jordo, protecting you from she-berserkers, Newport bars, more row than one would think humanly possible, the infinite heat to everyone about anything, our poor example of bar etiquette/self-control...the list can go on and on. To say you'll do us all proud is...well it's a lie. I'm sure I'll see you on Cops or America's Most Wanted one day. Don't you worry though, because you can be sure I'll be right there with you. In all honesty, you'll do the Marines and all of us proud...for a couple years, then you'll probably become a hobo. Stay the same and keep on keepin' on.

To the rats: All I can say is do us proud, and you know exactly what we're talking about.

Lastly, to the Class of 2007 and others: Let's be honest, we are not fans of this place. We make the best friends we'll probably ever have, but at the same time the place really kills your soul. For those of you that made it fun, thanks, I'll miss you all, and hope to keep in touch with you. Good luck in the future. Lastly and most importantly, to my family: Thank you for all your help and support over these four years through all kinds of hell. You've always been there for me and helped me out in every way possible and I love all of you for that.

All I can say is take 'er sleazy, and I'll see you all in the real world. -Sean Pat

2004: Jeff Van Cleave

2010: A.J. Korbely, Matthew Rodriguez

Ring Design Chairman; Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Big Red Club 1; Academic Mentor 2; 8th Cpl. 3; 3rd Plt. Sgt. 2; First Class Private; Die Trying 4,3,2,1

Rarely does a more tenacious and energetic Keydet grace the halls of the Institute. Maury spent his days at VMI in a manner that would cause himself to "die trying". This motto was extended to all facets of his life. Whether it was getting a taste of Ring Figure as a rat or pulling two "all nighters", Maury pushed the envelope, regardless. Little is known about what Maury did on his weekends. One thing is for sure, it probably involved the Tobacco Company, selling insurance, or making moves. Maury stood fast for his brother rats. He designed the class ring and cheered endlessly for the Running Roos. I mean endlessly. With a mind for business and a heart eternally pointed towards the impossible, there is no doubt that Maury will achieve his wildest dreams.

VMI taught me very important lessons in the formative years of my life. I will never forget the amazing stories and strong bonds that I formed with my brother rats. I want to thank my father for his wisdom and my mother for her compassion. You all helped me in so many ways and I will always strive to make you proud. To my roommates: I love you guys like brothers and this is only the beginning of the next step in our lives. To Chris & Kyle: you guys will always be my best friends. To Col. Bush: you were my favorite teacher and the hardest worker in Scott Shipp Hall. To my dyke: you truly taught me the meaning of the VMI experience and I hope I made you proud. To my rats; keep your heads straight, your grades up, and finish strong. Rah Virginia Mil!

2004: Josh Mulford

2010: Justin Ferrell, Nick Lizotte

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Dragons 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1

I'd like to thank my parents Phil and Cheryl DiDomenico for all their unwavering support through the past four years. Thank you for listening to me vent all those nights especially during 3rd class year. Thank you for all those 6 hour drives for the 4 hour visits. Mom, thank you for your constant care towards my success. Dad, thank you for your help whenever I needed it. Danielle you make me the happiest person alive, I do not know where I'd be without you and your steadfast support. Thank you for putting up with me and VMI as well for my entire cadetship.

It feels like yesterday I was signing that matriculation book. I must honestly say I thought I knew what I was getting myself into but I really had no idea. VMI is an unrelenting thorn driving into your side that doesn't stop until you graduate.

So what do I have to show for it all, a big ring and a short hair cut? Yes, but much more. I have come to understand the meaning of brotherhood. I know that my friends would do anything for me, as I would for them. The daily pressure the Institute puts on cadets truly brings out the best in people, men who are willing to weather the storm. I am proud to say that I graduated from the toughest military college in the nation.

To my lacrosse teammates, it's been a wild ride. Tiger Echo guys, VID... To all my BR's, I hope that all you live successful and happy lives.

Dragons never say die...

-Rah Virginia Mil

2004: Will Simmons

2010: Tim Moran



Sean Pat



"College" & "Slice"



Dido



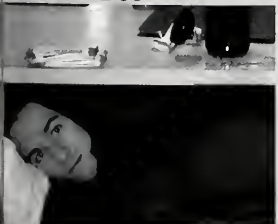
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F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; 1st Plt Lt. 1; Cadre 1; NCMI Cadre 3,2,CIC 1; Bodybuilding 2; Racquetball 1; Deuce 4 Enthusiast 3,2,1; Semi-Satisfied Customer 4,3,2,1

VMI has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. It has been filled with heartbreaking failures, unmentionable good times, and range of emotions in-between. If I have learned one thing, it's the modest knowledge that I would have not been able to do this alone. Without the support of those who loved and cared for me, none of what I have accomplished here would have been possible. Mom and Dad: You are the greatest parents any person could ever ask for. The amount of support you have given me through the good and bad times here is immeasurable. It is impossible for me to express in words the amount of love I have for both of you, and just how important you have been through all of this. Thank you, Kris: Many things I have done have been in your footsteps, most of all VMI. Your support and first hand understanding of my situations here have made my journey much easier. Thank you, Timm: You were the perfect model cadet for me in every way imaginable, and without a doubt the best dyke I have ever seen within these walls. Your guidance and example set the tone for everything I have accomplished here. Thank you-Without the support of the rest of my family and friends none of this would have ever been possible. (Ben S, Rob B, David P) Thank you. To my boys at VMI: My experiences with you have been the best of my life. Brandon, Paul, Ryan, you have become brothers to me and our time together has been amazing. I will always be there for you. To my academia pals: Matt K, Matt S, Brandon, and a few others...without you I would not be getting a degree. I will never forget the lost hours in the lab, trying to screw our heads back on at 0230, and all the HR. To my Rats: Remember what we have taught you...it will make you successful. Don't do anything stupid.

And so I shall leave these walls of barracks and only look back with fond memories of the times I have shared with the brothers I have gained.
"But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." ISAIAH 40:31

2004: Timothy Berry '98
2010: Adam Aikens, Chad Baker

Cheerleading 3,2,1; Glee Club 2,1; Concert Band 3,2,1; Joyful Noise Gospel Choir 1; Promaji Club, 3,2,1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Jazz Band 1; Theater 2,1

I have had a blast here at VMI. For many people VMI has been a prison filled with stupid rules and retarded consequences. But for me VMI has signified hope in desperation and a family in time of need. I have had the opportunity to have a positive effect on a lot of people here at VMI, and I have striven to prove the point that being different than everyone else is okay. Watching my br's change from matriculation to this point has been an honor and I will deeply miss you all. Stay true to your course and your heart. One love. I was here, but now I'm gone, my name is left to carry on, those who knew me knew me well, and those who didn't can go to hell.

2004: Michael Roscoe
2010: Eddie Preisser, Chris Martin

Martial Arts 3,1; Rugby 2; VMI Theater 3,2,1; 5th Corporal, 1st PLT Guide Sergeant, Echo Company Guidon

Not much I can say about this place in just a few words. I hate this place. I hate the restrictions set in place by a power hungry administration who would rather bone a cadet than help them. I hate the dual set of rules that cadets must follow in an attempt to not get boned. I hate that the traditions that have made VMI what it was are being destroyed; however, I wouldn't change my decision for anything. I have come to realize it wasn't just the traditions or the administration that made VMI what it is, but the people who are there to experience it with you. To Carideo, keep your head up and fly straight. So to Zola, Smalls, Minkus, Mags, Kerkhof, Wes, and Wills: thank you for the best four years I will ever have. I will never forget the times we had both good and bad or what we have endured together. SIC IS COEPITMUS, PERPOTRIMUS: This we began, we ended!

2004: Brock Daniel
2010: James Carideo



Stefan M. Dietrich
Las Vegas, NV
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Deuntay T. Diggs
Gates County, NC
Army - History



Wesley W. Dockery
Vallejo, CA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



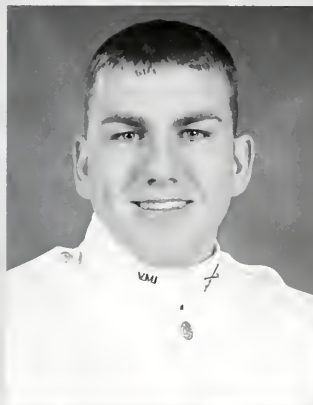
Dustin J. Dodge
Lisbon, NH

Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



Michael D. Doughton
Roanoke, VA

Coast Guard - History



William J. Doyle
Parsonsburg, MD

Army - History

Aviation Club 4,3; Drill Team 4,3; Theatre 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2; Sprint Football 2; Bulldog 2; Club Soccer 1; Corporal; Sergeant; So Lieutenant

I still remember coming here 4 years ago and wondering what in the world I was thinking. My dyke told me that my time here would fly by. I thought that was impossible, only now do I know just how true that was. My BR's here are the ones that make this place habitable. Without them, 4 years here would be impossible. This place has taught us what kind of officer NOT to become, and occasionally, how to be a great leader. I can't say as though I'd want to do it all again, but I certainly wouldn't trade the experience for anything. Memories: Charlie Co., Maj Wiggers, trip to scary mary, mardi gras with sgm & gysgt, Nashville & FL for quad A, summer in lex, the mini bike, Hollins trips, ring figure and my amazing date, class parties, all nighters, charlotte with Anthony, OCS and the suck, trevor's house, many many great trips to jmu, all our jmu bil's, allie's closet, chocolate, omelets, SB panama city.

I would like to thank all of my roommates for always being great friends, Evans family, Protocol office, Trevor's & Anthony's families, my high school teachers, Mrs. & Col. Sadler for being the best Advisor and always helping me out, my brother & sister for holding down the house, and most importantly - My mom and dad who have always supported me no matter what I wanted to do, they've always been there for me, Thanks and I love ya! I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.

2004: Jimmy Palmer

2010: Arturo Harvey, Matthew Winkler

Private 4,3,2,1 Pipe Band 4,3,2,1 Marathon 3,2,1 Alpine Ski Team 1 Bomb 2,1 Cadet Newspaper 4,3 Virginia Historical Society 2,1 English Society 3,2,1

First I would like to thank my family. As cliché it might sound they are the ones I owe my success to. Without their support I would have never made it through this place. Thanks again for all the rides home and back, the constant financial support, and most of all the selfless support of my choices. To my closest two friends back home, Jonathan and Jen, you all are outstanding. I have come to love each of you more and more with every passing year, thanks for all the love.

Now to my closest friends here at mother 1. Chris since the beginning you've always been a shoulder to lean on and the friend on the bar stool next to me, never stop being the good-old-boy from Roanoke. Matt I'm so glad we made it. Don't you ever lose touch and remember you've always got family here in VA. To my friends in the "07 Family", thanks for understanding so much, you guys have always been my breath of fresh air. Mike and Jesse, guys it's been crazy but amazing don't ever think of losing touch; you guys will always be part of my fondest memories. Erik I couldn't have asked for a better Rat. Don't let this place get you down and remember you're what I leave behind. Never stop trying. And finally, to Oliver, you have truly been my greatest teacher, bud. Don't ever forget how much you've meant to me, I can't imagine life without you, Thanks for everything.

And to "Mother 1", I love ya and hate ya just the same, but thanks for making who I am.

2004: Tim Price

2010: Eric Blum

Strength and Fitness 2; Body Building 1; FSU 3; NRA 4,3,2,1

Well the road less traveled certainly has been an exciting and unpredictable one. I came to VMI expecting to be the First Captain and as I emerge I find myself dedicated to the essence of a VMI first class private. My rat year was definitely the best year with the fondest memories; I will never forget the 439 and my roommates, John, Craig, Dave, and Ryan. My third class year was spent "abroad" after a sweet move by the Financial Aid Department in Smith Hall; I was a third at Frostburg State University. However, with the encouragement of many and the advice of my father, I made it back to VMI for my final two years. Ring Figure followed and then a short stint with a girlfriend, in the end however, I found that being single was the easiest at VMI and emerged from the summer a free man. My first class year can be easily described as fun and entertaining, Chris and Dave you guys are great, my rats, and all of our memories. I like to think that I have had a profound influence on this "pleasant abode" specifically, the brilliant explanations on the backs of my specials and the perfect method for hiding a fridge and microwave in plain view. As graduation looms nearer and commissioning only a few short months away, I find myself thinking back to those who helped make it possible...first off, let me thank my dykes for teaching me all I had to learn, my Dad for being everything I have ever needed him to be and more, Sean for being that steadfast best friend, and Ralph and Mary Alice for being there when I needed a break. Well that's it, God bless the United States of America and the VMI Corps of Cadets.

2004: Vincent Laorenza

2010: Colin Walker, Carter Brown

Class of

Dustin



Pipes, Doughnut



Doyle





Dudas



Duppie



urastabin, T-Thiti, Duracell



Well, this was an amazing journey I must say. I'm only partly sure how I ended up at VMI but I don't regret one minute of it, my life is forever changed. There was the gropes and grumbles of the VMI system which I bumped up against my fair share of times but looking back it was sort of fun. Late nights in the labs, Heated debates with Levenson, various random trips, large dance circles, asking Levenson to Ring Figure, and most importantly walking alongside some of the finest men and women to walk this earth, a TRULY BEAUTIFUL experience. Since I stepped foot into JM Hall the journey to manhood began. While at VMI I was able to step back and discover who it was I really wanted to be, how I did it was certainly an adventure, nevertheless here I am with nothing but the values I've learned and tested in this arena. Many have asked why I chose to come back to VMI after leaving so abruptly, there are a few reasons people will never know nor understand, however one of them I will reveal is to watch those in the first class take their first steps toward the success they are capable of. There are many members of the Lexington and VMI community who I will never forget, I thank you, for giving me the courage to get back into the ring. Lastly for the true Brother Rats and friends I have acquired since I've been here, as I write this I get chills, I won't forget you, those that stood beside me for the battles of my life, those that know what it means to be pressed to the ends of friendship, one more year and I'll be pursuing my dreams elsewhere but know I am forever in debt and will not forget my experience at this fine Institute, Godspeed to you on your own journey, may nothing stand in your way, may you seek to find the true essence of life and take it in with pure breaths. Oh yea, Pass in review.

2004: Frank Toomey
2010: Meet your Cadre

Boxing 4, 3; RDC 1; Bodybuilding Club 2,1; Club Soccer 3, 2, 1; Company Sergeant 2;

"There is no need to suppose that human beings differ very much from one another: but it is true that the ones who come out on top are the ones who have been trained in the hardest school." Thucydides. These are some of the very first words in our rat bible, in the upcoming months after graduation they will be tested. Has VMI succeeded in what it claims to produce? I tend to think yes it has, our ability to adapt is unchallenged. We will succeed in anything that lays before us. However the world outside of VMI is far different than what many of us perceive it to be. Many cadets don't have a grasp on what reality is, it most certainly isn't VMI. Our way of life isn't the norm nor is it accepted by many people. They will challenge us and attempt to slow us, but we will persevere. Above all I am extremely grateful for the friendships VMI has given me, to 252 and the rest of the crew you all know that I will always be there for you at a moments notice, if it means a fight, or if you need someone to talk to, whatever it is I'm here. I hope that in the months and years after graduation we all remain close and continue to grow together as we have in the four years at the Institute. In closing I would like to thank my family, especially my mother for always being there and helping me through tough times. To my rats, always do your best, don't ever let this place get you down and finish what you started no matter what the price may be. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, just be sure you learn from them!

2004: Jesse Wullenwaber, John Pax, Matt Liffick
2010: John Duffy, Tim Howard, Mike Hozik, James Hummer

Rifle 4,3,2,1

He is Thitipan
Made in Thailand
Not in Japan
But is now American.

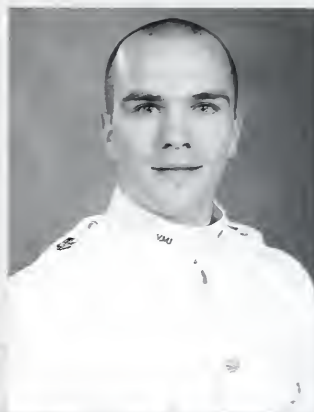
He is Thitipan
Not Taliban
No have big bomb
Like Osama Bin Laden.

He is Thitipan
His skin is tan
Not caucasian
And no black like African.

2004: John Ginder
2010: Kilian Landersman



Jeffrey S. Dudas
Buffalo, NY
Air Force - Psychology



Erik H. Dupilka
Fredericksburg, VA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Thitipan Durasavin
Rockville, MD
Navy - History

Class of



Peter M. Duvigneaud
Goochland, VA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Joseph D. Eanett
Lakeland, FL
Air Force - History



Nicholas A. Engle
Blacksburg, VA
Air Force - Philosophy

It's hard for me to think of all of the people who have taught me the ways to make it through this place. Obviously I have learned a lot from my professors both inside and outside of the classroom. But I also have learned a lot from my brother rats and from all of the other people in barracks. So I would like to thank all of my roommates, my dykes, and my professors that have taught me everything that I have learned here.

To my rats, "Pinky" and "The Brain", you have improved dramatically since you both matriculated. I hope that you continue to strive to become better people. To all of the rats in 102, I'll pass off to you some information that my dyke told me right before his commencement. He said, "No matter how much you don't like to do something that you have to do, you should always try to give it the best effort that you can." I encourage you all to take heed to this advice everyday that you are here. Remember, this place is what you make of it. Keep working hard and you'll make it through here with no problem.

2004: Ben Nehrke
2010: Matthew Allen, Matthew Winks

Tiger Echo 4,3,2,1; Ranker 3,2; Sword Drill 2; Theater 1; Navy 4,3; Marines 3,2; Air Force 2,1; Poker Night Society 1

VMI seemed hard; I never thought I'd make it. It was tough not to quit, for this Keydet Eanett. But soon I realized, it was not the place you liked. It was the good times and the friends for which I was psyched. To my Parents, who stood by for all my thrills, and were always there to pay the bills. To my roommates and crew, who've seen it all, the late nights laughing, and shade baseball, you've stuck it out with me the entire time, even when I've treated you like slime. I would leave here with a scar, if I couldn't say how important you guys are but there is no amount of booze I could imbibe, to find the words I'd need to describe. To the rats, the last-ing mark I've made, may all your lessons never fade. I worked hard to make the best, to have you as my rats, I've been blessed. We go forward now to meet what's next, whether it's life, service, or just more projects. I will never forget the impact of the PEOPLE of this place, the stories and times we had, can never be replaced. The path was hard, the road was long like an epic tale in a drinking song, we've marched and strained, whined, moaned, and complained. But the only way that we survived cold, pissed off, and sleep deprived, was to do it together, every damn day, and silently pray, we'd make it all the way. So the time has come, the hour arrived, and it seems as if we all survived. So now a toast to all my friends, who've been to hell and back again: four long years since it all begun, but it sucked so hard, I actually had fun.

2004: Andrew Cunningham
2010: Sam Dobbins, Chris Dolbey

Corporal 3; Arabic Tutor 3,2,1; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1

I remember when I was a rat, four long years ago, counting down the days until thanksgiving furlough. Crossing them off every night before taps...now I cross off the days until graduation. Soon I will receive my diploma from this institute and start my career as an Air Force officer. So much has changed since those long days in the fall of 2003. I have changed: I am now engaged to a wonderful girl and will be married soon. I have been through a lot, made friends that will last a lifetime, and went from a high-school senior to a college graduate. This place has changed: Lejeune Hall is no longer, the mess hall is different, and even the beloved chapel is different from what I remember as a rat. But one thing will never change: the brotherhood. My roommates and my BR's have helped me in more ways that I can remember to make it through. They are the reason why I come back; they are the reason why I love this place. I would also like to thank my fiancé, Eighmey, for being there for me and driving up here and back all those weekends, and my parents for supporting and encouraging me. It may seem strange, but I would like to thank the Institute. If it wasn't for the lifestyle the Mother I imposes on us, then I would never be where I am today. Now that we are done with the journey through the hell they call VMI, the class of 2007 is ready for the real world. Good luck to everyone and God Bless.

2004: Winston Harrell
2010: Wade Kammel, Mike Anderson

"Duvs", "Duvi", "Pistol"



MINKUS



Nic





Jazz Band 4,3,1; Brass Quintet 4,3; Bugler 3,2,1; EMT 3,2,1; Lex Rescue, 2,1; Air Force Lead EMT 1; Rat Challenge EMT 3,2; NCMF EMT Staff 3,2; Band 4,3,2,1; PVT, 4,3,2; Drum Major 1; Air Force ROTC 4,3,2,1

The road less traveled at VMI has been the greatest challenge and now the greatest reward of my life. As so often time flies when looking back on an experience and VMI is no different. The path getting to VMI was tough, surviving even tougher. No one can travel this path alone. Most importantly, I thank god for being there for me when no one else was. He is the ultimate brother rat. I should thank all my roommates Tom, Jon, Elijah, Jon, Thitipan, Pat and Bob. You all gave me memories that students at other colleges cannot ever possibly have. To my brother rats, it has been a wild ride from jumping in the river to walking across the stage. I have not known a group of such dedicated people and doubt I ever will be in such company again. To my rats of tactical 166- thanks for the memories, weekend pizza nights, stories about furloughs and finally breakout. You earned your spot and never let anyone tell you differently. DON'T ever get sandy and keep your eye on the prize. Each of you have more than the ability to get through this place and be extremely successful in life. We've given you everything you need to succeed. Most importantly I need to thank my family. You have been with me since I started down the path called life- no easy path itself. You were there to show me the harder right, rather than the easy wrong. I'm humbled to have brothers and parents like you. Mom and Dad, I especially thank you for pushing me when it was hardest. The person I've become today is simply a reflection of both of you. I will forever be thankful to have both of you as my parents. Thus, I continue down the road less traveled, who knows what may come!



Ryan T. Ernst
Hastings, MN
Air Force - History

2004: Dan Cragg
2010: Jonathan Huntoon, Matt Babcock

GC Historian 2,1; Boxing Club 4,3; Honors Program 3,2,1; Cadet Inv. Group 2,1; Emergency Res. Team 3,2,1; Marathon Club 3

VMI has changed me for the better. I needed the abuse and I would not have been happier anywhere else. That being said I cannot wait to leave. My only hope is that I leave VMI a better place than I found it.



Timothy G. Ernst
Ashland, VA
Marine Corps - Psychology

2004: Brad Haywood
2010: Hunter Cantrell, Gene Allgood

NCAA Basketball 4,3; NCAA Track 4,2,1; NCAA Football 2,1

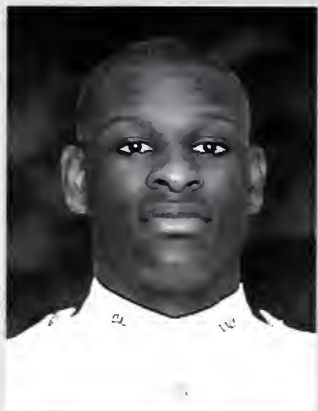
I didn't know I was going here till it was too late. But, thanks to my family I made the right decision and also made it through this school. Thanks to my roommates for making this experience as fun as a military experience could be. Thanks to the coaches that pushed me in every way to help me get through VMI. And thanks to a coach for making me his example. For his ill advised lesson, I learned just how versatile I am and to not let anybody stop me from success.

Few words to describe each roommate: Palanza-halitosiis, rage, HHH, is "from the streets", Benson- has mean alter ego named New Guy, brought Fifa 06 into our lives to take up 25% of our days, and will forever be new. Yohe - throws lamps at roommates head (was only room fight ever), like to give RDC slips to my corporals to get me in trouble, still thinks this equation is true: 2.4+Arabic > 2.1+Civil Engineering.

For Palanza, Yohe, and Benson, thanks for accepting David Banner. "601". But seriously, without everyone keeping everyone laughing all the time I don't know how we would have made it. To my rat, I was just like you (not really, I tended to follow rules). But luckily, I had the best Dyke ever that helped me in every aspect of this place. That's about it. And remember "I think they like Chi".

PS- words to describe Karpov (2nd class roommate) - like to touch my Chinese food with his hands!

2004: Erica Ardolino
2010: Howard Abegesah



Chijioke B. Ezekwe
Vicksburg, MS
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Grayson



Chi Chi



Class of



Michael C. Fager
Gainesville, VA
Army - International Studies

Cadre 2,1; NCMT Cadre 3; Bodybuilding Club 2,1; Scuba Club 1

Make this place what you want it to be...good or bad it's up to you. It's been fun, Good luck...

Mike

2004: Andy Lander
2010: Mike Caporiccio



Byron E. Faidley
Covington, VA
Army - History

I remember visiting VMI for the first time on a 4th grade field trip. I remember saying "I want to go here because it looks like a castle and has cannons and stuff!" Little did I know about what was awaiting me on the hill. I have made friends that I will keep for the rest of my life and that I've shared unimaginable experiences with, both alcohol-induced and sober. From matriculation to break-out, from weekend runs to Mary Baldwin to pipe band trips, and from Ring Figure to graduation (whenever that may be for me), I carry with me now memories that will last forever; ones that I would not trade for the world.

I want to thank God for dragging me kicking and screaming through this place and having the sense of humor and patience to keep me going and not zap me off of the face of the planet. I want to thank my Mom and Dad for the countless tail-gate parties and laundry runs. I also want to thank my ring figure date, Aubrey, for making it such a memorable experience, one that I will never forget. I would also like to thank all of my former roommates and especially Larry Richardson, for putting up with me for the past four years. Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to thank my dyke, Keith Holman, and my rat, Ross Hussmann. Without the influence of the two of you on my cadetship I don't know how I would have gotten through.

Try as I may, I will never forget this place.

2004: Keith Holman
2010: Ross Hussmann



Fireman



Mark



Mark A. Falcon
Great Falls, VA
Marine Corps - International Studies

Ranger Company 3; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Company Cadre 3,2,1; Racquetball Club 1; Hollins Night of Mayhem 1

"The VMI experience"...This phrase has a different meaning for each of us, but one thing is certain; each of us will have to reflect on our time here and figure out exactly what this place did to shape us into the men and women we have become. I believe most of us (including myself), having been caught up in the commotion of this place, have not yet begun to realize how deeply we have been impacted by these past four years. What I do know is that the Institute has left me with the best friends one could ever have, and enough memories to last a lifetime, and that is enough to have made it all worth while.

To my family: Thank you for your unconditional love and support. Without you this experience would not have become a reality.

To my Brother rats: Let us not forget who we are and where we come from.

We have much to be proud of. I have faith that you will continue on in the finest traditions of those who have gone before us, and hope that you will take the time, every once in a while, to look back and remember that home away from home, on a hilltop in Lexington, where we shared in the brotherhood that is the Class of 2007.

2004: Andrew Lander
2010: Jonathan Safrit





Frakas

To be honest, my general attitude while at VMI has been "the same thing, a different day" syndrome. Enduring the monotony has been my hardest struggle, but the thought of what has yet to come has kept me going. The VMI cadets, my brother rats, and alumni are what have kept me sane through the years, breaking up the constant repetition, but that is not what has kept me at VMI. I stayed because I never lost sight of why I chose VMI in the first place. The ideals, the very principles for which this school was founded, and the traditions that change every year, were never very far from my mind. I owe my knowledge and understanding of "the system" and my love for this school to my three amazing dykes, Jeffery Donahue, Jim Bean, and Chipper Woodruff, and although we did not always see "eye to eye" on all issues, those three men sought to mold their rats into true VMI cadets, that would respect the honor system and uphold the VMI standard. They succeeded, and I hope I was able to instill those same values into my rat and her co-dykes, who have been very loyal and dedicated rat-ties since day one. A lot has happened in the past four years and I will leave with many fond memories: [The very best company on the hill, Mad Dog Delta] [Room 1-4-9: Hash Pipe, Blue, Evil, Stretch, & my co-dyke and confidant through the hardest years... Ugly] [Random trips with unforgettable BRs and fellow Keydets] [Random chance gatherings in uptown Lex Vegas]; but I depart VMI in great anticipation for what lies ahead. "Road Less Traveled"

2004: Jeffrey Donahue (formally knows as Hocutt)
2010: Chrissy Beach

Honor Court 2, 1; Pre-Law Society President 2, 1; Reg. S-5 3, 2, 1; CIG 3; VMI Theater 3, 2; Racquetball 1; Club Soccer 3, 2; Beaten down by "the Man" 4, 3, 2, 1

VMI has been the best/worst experience of my life. Looking back, I can't believe how fast the past four years actually went by - but that being said I'm ready to be done. To those I've come to call Brother Rats: you are some of the best people I have ever met and I thank you for making this place bearable. To the gentlemen of the Honor Court: it's been a privilege to serve with you, never give up the fight and keep the faith. To my rat, Miles: keep your head up and you'll be out of here before you know it. To my family: you never stopped believing in me and I could not have done anything without you in my corner, I love you all very much. And to my beautiful fiancé Jennifer Ann: I met you half way through my time here, but I can honestly say that if it wasn't for your love and support the past two years, I would have never made it through. You are my true love and my best friend, the most amazing person I have ever known. Best of luck to all those in the class of 2007, we've earned it.

2004: Drew Berrett
2010: Miles Turner

"VMI has been no everyday experience, but rather a road that started left and ended right." Over the past four years, I have analyzed my character as a person and have found out many interesting things. Coming from the Tri-Cities area of Virginia, I had doubts about the military lifestyle. However, I have embraced the qualities of the institute and over the course of the years met many friends. It's crazy the relationships that have evolved from the setting that takes place at VMI. I want to shout out my roommates, Fred and Keas-hawn not forgetting about all of the people I met throughout my four years. I also want to give props to BASECO, (the baseball team). Finally I'll leave with this thought: "the dream of getting through VMI seems tough at the beginning, however good things will come in the end."

Peace and Love,
Jacoby

2004: Timothy Snelling



Jenifer M. Farkas
Merromack, NH
Air Force - History



Christopher S. Fields
Blacksburg, VA
Air Force - International Studies



Jacoby L. Fields
Disputanta, VA
Air Force - International Studies



Chris



Jacoby



Class of



Nathan W. Fifer

Big Island, VA

Army - Mechanical Engineering

Aviation Club 3,2,1; Strength and Fitness 2; Ranger Company 3; Rat Challenge Rock Climbing Cadre 1; OPS SGT 2; Golf XO 1; Tau Beta Pi VP 1; Army MNMB XO 1

I would first like to thank my parents for their unconditional love and support throughout my cadetship here. Without them I don't think I would have made it this far. It is hard to imagine where all the time here disappears to. Though the long nights are slow to pass, the weeks seem to fly by and even the past four years seem to have disappeared in a blur. It seems like yesterday was just matriculation day. Though VMI has offered her fair amount of hard times, and can turn your world upside down like no other, it is the people and brother rats you bond with who make this place worth coming back to. There are many great memories that I will cherish with my brother rats here. Dan and Brandon all those camping trips, Jesse the Denver trip, Cory, Colin and Ahmed I will always cherish the good times. Fellow MEs the late nights never seemed to end and Army BRs those rainy FTXs were always fun. Though I'm not listing everybody I wouldn't trade you all for the world. To those left behind and my rats, remember why you came here. Though you may not see the light at the end, but always strive to be that person that VMI wants and saw on your acceptance application.

2004: John Saburn

2010: Ericsson Davis

Nasty Nate



Graham T. Forbes

Richmond, VA

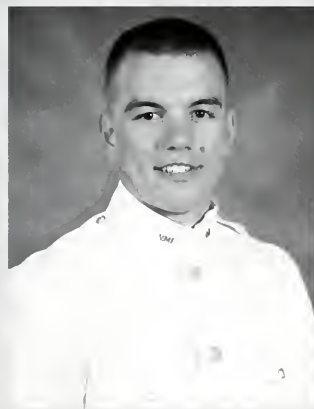
Air Force - Biology

To my BR's, the picture says it all. To my Rats: you've been great rats. Keep your heads screwed on right and remember to put VMI in perspective, the next three years will be over before you know it.

2004: Mark Hamilton

2010: Garland Gray, William Shannon

Graham



Nicklaus C. Franck

Poquoson, VA

Army- Civil Engineering

Rat Challenge 3; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; Scuba 3; Alpha Co. 9 Cpl., Ops. Sgt. CO; 3,2,1

VMI has given me so much throughout my cadetship and I just wanted to thank everyone who has been with me along the way. I want to thank my dykes, especially Jacob Inge, for showing me that everyday is a fun day, an interesting day, and a day to put a smile on your face. I want to thank Alpha Company for being the best group of people in the world. My fellow CE buddies, w/o you it would have been rough. The crew, I love you guys you are my brothers, Mark, Dan, Ryan, Rhett, Scott, Pete, Kevin, BEEEEEN and Tim, I have smiled and laughed every day since I have been here and it is b/c of you guys. Roger L. good luck my man if you ever need anything you know I am there. Matt H. same to you. Chris and Fabio I have had so much fun with you guys too. Role through the next three years like you did the rat line and I know you guys will do fine. Roxanne I love you soo much beau, I am so glad that you and I got 2 more years to hang out. Just like the old times. So to all those who I have laughed with, sweated with, cried with thanks for being there for me. VMI is a great place to meet some of the greatest people in the world and I really took advantage of that. I have gained the strongest and most loyal friends that anybody can wish for. So thanks VMI for everything that you have given me.

2004: Jacob Inge

2010: Chris Czuprynia, Fabio Amarillo

Nick



Corporal 3; Platoon Sergeant 2; Rat Challenge 3,2,1;



JFred, Colonel

I want to thank everyone who helped me get this far to include: Mrs. Collier (without your inspiration and guidance I wouldn't have even come here), Mike Gregory (my dyke) for showing me the ropes and being a positive role model for me, my parents and my brother for supporting me, my girlfriend for sticking through three years of trash, and of course my brother rats. I feel I have developed a lot as a person while going here, while unfortunately growing a little more cynical of authority as the years go on. I have learned the true meaning of honor and have really come to appreciate the affect what VMI stands for. I have come to terms that vision 2039 will never be finished and that it was always harder in the old corps, except for '05 and '06. If VMI has taught me one thing, it is that things could be a lot worse than they currently are... "Embrace the suck" as said by Frank A. Dolberry III. I especially want to thank my roommates and wish them the best of luck in life. Without them I don't think I would have been able to make it through with my sanity. Brian, I've always envied your crazy smarts. John, I will never "slurp" forget the time in "slurp" the Bahamas we had together... "slurp". And Will, you made every day interesting... Best of luck to my rat, Carter Kunz. I know you will do well here and I have confidence you will excel. Jonathan and Cameron, good luck to you too. I know you all will adapt nicely. I sincerely wish all my brother rats the best of luck in life from the bottom of my heart and hope I can encounter as many good people out in the real world as I have met here. Oh four! Oh four! Oh four! Oooohhh!

2004: Michael Gregory
2010: Carter Kunz



Jonathan W. Fredericks
Virginia Beach, VA
Army - Economics and Business

Honor Court 2,1; Bravo Cadre 3,2,1; Marathon Club 3

Dear Mother I,

Thank you very much for the experience you have provided me. Thank you for bringing me into your family. No one made you take me. But of your own free will, you chose me....chose me to be one of the select few to enjoy the privilege of being one of your cadets. You did not stop there. You provided me with brothers, to support, challenge, and strengthen me. Your methods are different. But, so are your goals and designs for your cadets. You understand the realities of the wartime world I will enter. You know that preparation is paramount. You insured that I was not comfortable, because, as I have come to realize, comfort restricts growth. Thank you for stretching me, especially those times when I didn't want to be. Thank you for allowing for my spiritual, mental, and physical growth. Mother I, you have weaned me from unnecessary distractions and you have ingrained into my moral and muscle memory an appreciation for good order and discipline. You have even trusted me to serve you. You entrusted me with the shaping and molding of your rats, and most importantly you trusted me to guard your honor. You have given more to me than I have or will ever give back to you, and you continue to give. Mother I, I want you to know that your provisions and nudges upon my life have been meaningful and appreciated. Thank you Mother I.

2004: Stan Kielczewski
2010: Jared Starin, Peter Karonis



Charles T. Freeman
Hot Springs, AR
Marine Corps - International Studies



Charles



Confusick, Heffer

Rat Challenge 4,3,2; P.W. 4,3,2,1; Ski Racing 1

What does one put here? A list of the memories, good times, bad times? I'll just say VMI has been one of the most rewarding challenges of my life. I'd never do it again but it was worth every minute. I could not wait to get out of here and now a small part of me wishes I could stay. But it's off to the Navy to do what they need me to do. And hopefully be successful in the real world. I'd like to thank everyone that's kept this place sane. My roommates of 3 years (Chang-lo, Davis, Matthews and Liu) definitely helped me hold on during those days we thought we couldn't make it. To everyone else (too numerous to name) that's kept this place real and somewhat fun I thank you. Here's hoping everyone doesn't take life too seriously and gets where they want to go.

2004: Chris Richman
2009: Dave Radke
2010: Greg Fiasconaro



Jeffrey R. Fusick
North Granby, CT
Navy - Civil Engineering



Class of



Joshua M. Gauthier
Panama City Beach, FL
Marine Corps - Computer Science

Private 4,3,2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Triathlon 3,2; IT 3,2,1

I couldn't have gotten through this hell hole without my friends. They did more than help me out when times got rough, they were right there with me. To those who I call true friends, thank you for everything, you know who you are, and if you don't you weren't one of them.

To my best friend, 9/8/7, I can't wait.

The crew of CS '07, remember "It's good enough"

2004: Mike Corso
2010: Shale Houston



Ryan C. Gerald
Potomac, MD
Army - Economic and Business

Rugby 4,3,2,1; 5th CPL 3; Rat Challenge 3; Class Party Committee 1

First, I want to thank my family for all of their support. Without them this would not have been possible. Dad, it seems like yesterday when I shook your hand in Jackson Memorial Hall on the first day of matriculation. Thank you all very much for your love at school and at home.

Second, the support of my dykes, classmates, and teammates has taught me a lot over the past four years. We have seen each other progress and accomplish more than many people ever will in their entire lives. For the roommates of 320, 204, and C25; our spring break trips and rugby weekends are all unforgettable experiences. I would also like to thank the coaches of the rugby team for their leadership.

Third, I want to wish all of my commissioning classmates the best of luck. You keep our country safe and free, God-speed. I want to close with a quote that meant nothing to me before I came to the Institute, but now I realize exactly what it means when alumni say "I wouldn't accept a million dollars to do it again and I wouldn't accept a million dollars to take it back."

2004: David Harris



Liam J. Gilroy
Ithica, NY
Army - Psychology

Corporal- 3, Ranger Challenge- 3,2,1; Sandhurst 3,1; Deans List -3,2,1; RDC-1

Liam Gilroy was born to Ares, god of war, and Xenophobus, god of hatred for all life, on the steps of Mount Olympus. After being cast off the mountain for macking on Zeus's daughter Elisa, he soon traded his soul in exchange for the title of 'Full-time partner' with Lucifer. With no motherly figure and living in the wild, Gilroy was unable to master the fine art of potty training. Unable to hack it with the Spartans, Gilroy soon moved to New York, the secular equivalent of hell. After raping and pillaging New York since he was in Middle School, he broke his treaty with Lucifer and was forever dubbed with bad luck and having a pessimistic girly attitude toward life. Extremely White and Irish, he was unable to make any friends. He soon realized that his true path was to become an all American G.I. Joe with a high and tight. With his soul still in limbo in the river of Styx, Liam Gilroy is determined to kill all in his quest for his soul. He entered VMI in hopes of becoming a master Ranger. He met and recruited two loyal subjects to his cult of the damned. They were the former master video game Ninja Michael Johnson, and the former Herculean Atlas Michael Pesano. During his quest, Liam Gilroy met his better half and was somewhat tamed. He soon returned to Hell in order to defeat Lucifer, i.e. Levenson, in order to reclaim his soul. Little did Gilroy know, his soul was traded for a bag of Swedish fish with the Four Horse Men. Defiant to the Gods, having just defeated in his jumbo diapers, Gilroy is determined to show the world that he is the world's most pasty and dangerous man.

Epilogue: Twenty years later, Liam Gilroy was thought to have been spotted in the Amazon Rain forest. Unable to be exorcised by the Pope, Gilroy has lost his mind. With skulls on his chest, a ruck on his back, an ear necklace, and serpents at his feet, it has been whispered that Gilroy has accepted the title of the Grim Reaper. His better half soon left him for a manly man, Michael Johnson. Plagued with bad luck, a bad temper, and the whole world against him, Liam Gilroy will forever be known as Xena, Warrior Princess of the Amazon.

2004: David Jennings
2010: Justin Brinkman



Joshua



Geraldo



Twinkey Lover

Color Corporal 3; Color Sergeant 2; 1st Class Private; NCMT 3; Natty Guard 1,2,3,4



Tomás



Mike



John



All I have to say about my four years at VMI is that I wouldn't trade it for the world. We may do a lot of complaining about practice parades, CTT, and meaningless formations, but the friends I have made here are worth ten times more than any of the bad things that I could think of. I know that I will always be able to count on you guys through thick and thin; and I would like to thank you for making my time here four pretty damn good years. Jon, Elijah, Ryan, Brian, Kenny, Scooter, Josh P. (and everyone else - you know who you are) thanks for everything.

2003: Brendan Barclay
2010: Clay Melton; Dan Parker

Rugby 4,3; Marathon 2; Ski Team 1; Rat Challenge Cadre (Golf Co.) 3, 2; S-7 Corporal, Sergeant, and Captain

I've roomed with Mr. Mike Golike from the very first day we stepped into this world and now to the very end. We have seen and experienced a lot together, whether we would like to admit it or not. We've seen some good friends go and have made plenty more in the process (Tim and Trish to name a few). As we walk away from this place we have a lot to remember and even a lot more to laugh about, from battling Stokes as rats to better times as upperclassmen. The trip we took to the film festival and Thanksgiving at your place with 151 during third class year. Or our fourth stoop raids as seconds. And now finally our first class year filled with Burn's night, Snowshoe, automatic self destruct, and too many apology letters. You have always kept me entertained with your fighter pilot and aviator's style. I guess as you enter flight school with the Marine Corps you can get your chance to be the next Maverick. You've kept me challenged and encouraged me to "party like a rock star." In the end it's not about the people who are there during the good times. It's the people who stick around for both the good and the bad. Thanks for being there all four years. I think we both come to realize that we are both good at picking each other up and watching each other fall. Whatever the next several years offer, always go hard, go fast and finish strong. And keep the barstool open next you; I'll be there for a drink.

- Jesse

2004: Jason Dorn
2010: John Michael Kraling

Baseball 1,2,3,4; English Society 1; Psychology Club 1; Law Enforcement Club 1; Cadet 1

Base Co.- It's been awesome guys, keep making noise, and no matter how much this place tries to drag you down, keep doing what we do best- playing the game.

Danny we are the only ones that survived from room 492... the saga continues and I love you big guy, so many memories, and thanks for helping me through the years.

TJ and Carl, best of luck and I'll always be there for you guys, keep your nose clean and you all will be done sooner than you think.

BR's best of luck to all of you and keep in touch.

To my family, I couldn't have done it without you. These last couple of years have been really hard but, Mom and Dad, you have kept the family together. You have been great role models for Michael, Matt, and I. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for all of you, I hope I make you proud. I'm coming home...

"My son, my precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you."

2004: Matt Liffick
2010: TJ Prioletti



Thomas R. Goehring
St. Louis, MO
Army- Psychology

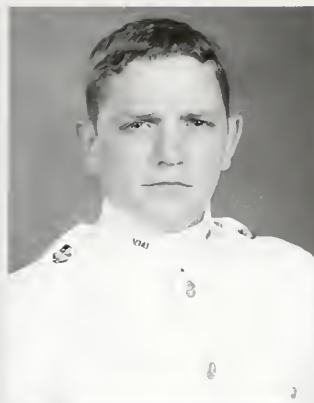


Michael N. Golike
Fredericksburg, VA
Marine Corps - Modern Cultures / IS



John T. Goode, Jr.
Winchester, VA
Air Force - English

Class of



Lucas A. Gordon
Penola, VA
Air Force - History

Virgin Private 4,3,2 ; Newspaper 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Young Republicans 4,3,2,1; English Society 3,2,1; Dragons 2,1; VMI Rugby 4, A1 Club; Luke A. Gordon Training Instructor 3,2,1

This little writing assignment could be the hardest I have ever had to write in my four years at the Institute. There is so much to be said and un-said of my time at this place. I suppose I can only look back at the good times with my friends and smile and then gladly forget the rough moments. I have lost and gained so much while at that Institute. I have gained the best, most loyal and dedicated friends any man could ask for. On the other hand, during my tenure I have lost cherished loved ones and old friends and perhaps, even the recklessness of regular college life. VMI and I have a very rough love/ hate relationship. I wanted to go to the one place that never changes, and when I matriculated it started changing, but I suppose that's life. However, a little message to my Rat, "Never roll over to the politically correct changes going on here, continue the fight!" Anyway, I can only think back to the times I spent with the boys and what we went through together. First and foremost, I want to thank my friends for my VMI experience, best of luck to all of y'all. Secondly, I want to thank my family, those present and past, for all the support they have given me over the years. Finally, I want to thank those people who mean a great deal to me who have supported my VMI endeavor. To the boys: "Dragons, Assemble!"

2004: R.C. Simmons
2010: Kaine Toomey

Loose Cannon, Enforc



Casey P. Grey
Amherst, VA
Army - Mechanical Engineering

NCAA Div I Cross Country and Track 4,3,2; Club Soccer 2,1

Mom and Dad, for all those Walmart trips on the way back to school, for the visits when I wasn't expecting it, for the box of tastysakes, for everything, thanks. VMI, I'm gonna miss you... but not for a while.

2004: Daniel Wilkerson
2010: Matt Sagar, McCary "40" Johnstone

Casey



R. Christopher Guy
Newport News, VA
Air Force - English

Number One Club 1; Private 4,3,2,1; The Cadet 1; Big Red Club 1; Cadet Battery 3,2,1; Wrecking Crew 1; Rat Challenge 1

VMI does not define me. Its rules and regulations can be broken, and while I may have, for this short while, lived (somewhat) within these boundaries, they do not tell me who I am. For four years of my life I've listened to people complain about this place, and I'll admit, I've complained about it. I've seen four too many dark ages, and far too much wool. I've longed each winter for the smell of spring and the return of the sun. For all those guys who can't see past the day to day bullshit of what happens here, I pity you.

I hit the SOG in the face, and while yes, I regret the action and the subsequent 112 days of confinement, I've realized throughout my punishment that this place is nothing more than a joke. For four years I've paid to wear a uniform and I've paid to get in trouble if I didn't wear it right. In the real world, ladies and gentlemen, they call that stupid.

My best memory from VMI is by far the Citadel game senior year. I remember those two fights like they were yesterday. I still can't believe we got national attention online from that. Steve, Dan, and Scott, you guys are amazing and I'll never forget that weekend.

Steve, thanks for being there for me these past four years. You're the best friend a guy could ask for, but you deserved all twenty lashes. Dan, we've had our ups and downs and I'm damn glad you finally got ear plugs. I hope you find faith during your journeys. Phil, what is there to say, we've had some deep conversations, and one day you're gonna be a lady killer, just keep your chin up and don't become a killer.

Josh, you've got a lot of ground to cover, just remember what we taught you, and you'll do fine, killer.

2004: David Kendzior
2010: Joshua McPherson

Line Crosser, Girlfriend Ste





Fresh



Eric



Jeff



It seems like only yesterday we were sitting together in J.M. Hall listening to our future company CO's spit out their introductions. Before long, it was Breakout, then Ring Figure, and now graduation. As the years went by, the faces that you just passed along the stoop soon became recognizable, and before long we were all friends. Although VMI does not have fraternities, it is safe to say, that the VMI brother-rat spirit makes VMI a fraternity in itself. I would like to thank my parents, my dykes, my brother rats, and my fellow rugby teammates, without all of you it never would have been possible. Let's Roll!!

2004: Christian DeShazor
2010: Shawn Fox, Chris Zarycki

No history provided.



Douglas C. Hague
Culpeper, VA
Civil and Environmental Engineering



Eric L. Hall

No history provided.



Jeffrey R. Hamilton



Evan T. Hanks
Richmond, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



William E. Harley
Alexandria, VA

Marine Corps - International Studies



Anthony D. Harris
Orlando, FL

Air Force-Biology

Bravo Co. Guidon bearer 1; Private 4,3,2,1

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me to make it through with a little sanity. To my brother rats it has been a wild 4 years, a lot of ups and downs, but we made it through (clap clap). To the rats, keep up the hard work and remember the worst might not be over yet. I would also like to say a special thank you to my wonderful girlfriend Rachel for the countless homemade cookies, miles traveled to visit me, and moral support for the last 3 years, and to my room-mates who helped me stick it out.

2004: Scott Campbell
2010: Barker Squire, Robert Morris

3L 1; OGA 1; CCS 2; Deans List 4,2,1; Lax Co. 4,3,2,1; Bull Dog 2; Drinking Club 3, 2, 1; Philosophy Club 2

Schwartz never completed his laser beam, but damn did he try. Bret, we spooned alot, but you should never be allowed to go to Edelweiss (the German Restaurant) because of what it does to your insides. Anthony, keep doin work and drinkin and biting people and I'm sure you will find a girl who will stop hookin, but only if you stop punching people. Nick, do not work too hard in the real world and do not try to carry your platoon on your shoulders and keep sleeping, its good for you. Keep Nickin people, I mean dickin people. Wow, we are done with this place. Here is to all the late nights and crazy bullshit, playin hockey on the stoop, throwing chairs, food fights, stuffin hays in the drawers of wall lockers and glueing them shut, shaving cream bombing rooms, yelling at people who walk by, staring down the smokers outside my room and many other adventures. VMI probably taught me a lot, but not anything I can think of right now. I'm sure I will figure it out when I'm old and senile. Well it's time to "put away Sabers" and say good bye. Hope, wherever you are, You give me Hope.

2004: John Hicks, Dan Belzer, Eric Hepfer, Ryan Kozial, and Bob
2010: Brandon Todd Hope and 141 Rats

Cross Country 4,3,2,1; Indoor/Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Treasurer, Beta Beta Beta; Sigma Tau Delta; Sounding Brass Photography/Art Editor

Every year at this place seemed like an eternity of formations, lack of sleep, and cramming for tests. But now that I can see the finish line, I am starting to realize how fast it all actually flew by and how rewarding it has been. We are definitely ready for this world. Let's take that bastard by the horns and show it that we've already conquered the beast: VMI.

I can't thank you enough Mami; your love and support kept me alive at VMI. You have been my fuel, my inspiration, and a heroine to Brittaney and I. Papa and grandma: I dedicate my degree to you. I can't even begin to explain what you mean to me. Your endless support and love has gotten me so far in not only school, but also in life.

C-28 timeline: Breakout, drink, get arrested, drink, Ring Figure, drink, yay for rats, drink, graduate! Stevo, you'll never be as fast as me, so quit stealing my short-shorts and I'll get over yellow fever. Sean, be easy on Kelsey the blow-up doll; she does in fact have feelings too. Not any more than those Myspace chicks though. Rhys aka "Ricc." I'm happy for you and Amy, but if you call me Tonito again, I'm crashing the wedding naked. Lugo and B-ham, you are here in spirit. C-28 Rats, remember that "Frownville" was just VMI in a nutshell. Make the best of your time here and it will all fly by. I am proud of you all. FL awaits...Peace!

"Pressure is nothing more than the shadow of great opportunity." -Michael Johnson, World Record Holder, 200, 400 Meters

2004: Porter Brawley
2010: Matt Satterwhite & Paul Bowman

Class of

Evan



Birdman, Sparticus, E-raq, De



Antonio, Fasty





Hary



y Ol'Man, Hashish, Hashpipe



3.L.O.B, The "Ocho," Hi-Nays



If you asked me why I wanted to go to VMI 4 years ago, I would have told you that I had no clue, and if you asked me that same question today I would give you the same answer. These past four years have been the hardest in my life. However, even though these have been the hardest years of my life, they also been some of the best years of my life and I know it will be hard to say goodbye. Rats, you have all been the best rats we could have asked for. Matt keep training, I know one day you'll be able to take Rob. Ian keep the red seats crazy ok. Nick you've been a great friend man and I appreciate everything you did for me. Rob and Josh I can't tell you guys how much fun it's been, you guys definitely made this place a lot easier. Good luck to both of you in the Army. Lastly, to my brother rats, it's been an honor to have been a part of the class of 2007, good luck to you all.

2004: Chris Rauh
2010: Nick Weishaar

Cadet Newspaper 3,2,1; Jazz Band 4,3,2,1; CCS 2,1; VMI Theatre; Young Democrats (tacit member by default)

Within the first 20 minutes of the Ratline Laura's last name drew all sorts of attention to Danny. From that moment we knew that she would be an important part of our cadetship. Whether she was decorating our XO's room with a (sticky/unorthodox) wall ornament, serenading the rest of us with her favorite lullaby (twinkle) or forcing us to hug Sharebear in public (never threaten him [she is not above castration]) Laura was always there to comfort. It wasn't until later in our cadetships that we discovered the greatest part of the "Catalyst" awesome parents. Laura's Mom is flat out amazing, and her Dad could easily have us killed. Not to mention that either one can (has) drink us under the table. Thank you for always keeping us fed Mr and Mrs Hash! If you ever need a kidney, give us a call. No matter how mellow/giggly (munchies) Laura may seem, those of us who have seen the spontaneous eruption into ANGRY LAURA fear for our lives. Note: be cautious while turning left, and don't EVER ask about turning left while riding with Laura. In fact, don't associate with her at all if she hasn't slept/eaten/etc. Adventures with Laura are always memorable. We have rambled (drunk) around downtown: Charleston, Duck (Beach House!), Richmond, Staunton (Labrynth), Paris, Normandy (at 3 AM only to have her "conquer" West Point and France). There was even a time when she didn't have the right "equipment" for a Jazz Gig and was forced to rat upstairs...alone [insert ANGRY LAURA]. Yes, Laura is a great friend and always there when things get rough, especially when she needs a ride or to borrow a car. In all seriousness, we love you Laura. This whole damn experience would have sucked without you. (and Sharebear) -Danny and Matt. To my mother and father-- thanks for always being there through the hardships and accomplishments. There is no way I would have ever made it through VMI without your love conscious ability to distance yourself from what needed to be my own decision. And to my hero and inspiration in everything I ever do, your life has been my guiding light through a blind future. I miss you and dedicate my entire, crazy, cadetship to you. I love you Grandpa.

2004: James Bean
2010: Sarah and Rachel Halnon

Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Timmins-Gentry Music Society 3,2,1

You arrived in room 346 with your tell-tale boisterous "HAYO!" Alas, you were not to remain as one excessively sweaty roommate could no longer endure the strain, and you were relocated to the fourth stoop. During the ratline you marched to the beat of your own drum, much to the chagrin and pain of the other members of Bravo company. You managed to expel a volume of fluid from your lungs that no human should be able to harbor all over the chest of one of our BRs, evoking the only cursing we ever heard our XO utter. Immediately after breakout, you became a first-class private.

Reading books behind the lockers at Army basic until confiscated by a junta of philistines, you were soon given the title of the "Ocho." It was not to stay with you long. Second Class year you joined the crew, and were struck with scurvy and insisted on spreading to every other man on the ship. After consuming untold numbers of milkshakes, with your body suffering their effect, you received your title - the B.L.O.B. You marched drunken bums around New York City in Grey Blouse with a command presence that would have made Patton proud and kicked down doors in Peru.

Continuing to kick down doors, you narrowly evaded A-Is and missing taps countless times, and your drunken feats were the stuff of legend. (You know what we're talking about). Banging your rifle on the wall, random outbursts of shouting, your development and refinement of the "Haynesian Cliche" and "Haynesian Political Continuum" - in which you were the light and all else was darkness - and breaking Institute property characterized First Class year. While your debate skills need much improvement, and your penchant for destruction while under the influence ("One for the Ages!") may be your undoing, you have earned a special place in our hearts. You concluded your tour of duty in proper B.L.O.B. style - marching PTs. Unbeknownst to us, your tour was not completed, and you returned triumphant as an alumnus, breaking one last piece of furniture. One for the Contrarians!

2004: Bryan Gallagher
2010: Eric Nold, Clint Custer



Christopher S. Harvey
Goochland, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Laura E. Hash
Fort Defiance, VA
Army - International Studies



Wesley F. Haynes
Roanoke, VA
Army - International Studies



Catrina D. Helsel
Palm Bay, FL
Navy - Computer Science



Daniel B. Hennelly
Norfolk, VA
Air Force - International Studies



Russ P. Henriett
Orangevale, CA
Army - Biology

Newman Club 3,2,1; OCF 4,3,2; FCA 2,1; Tutor 1; Mentor 2,1; Swim 4,3,2,1; Call Center 3,2,1; Lifeguard 3,2,1; EMT 1; Lexington Rescue 1

"Time endures forever but cannot fade memories love has made"

It's amazing how quickly the past 4 years have flown by. Though I wouldn't go through the daily formations, pointless inspections, or countless parades again, I wouldn't trade the experience, and times I've had while at VMI for the world.

To My mother: It was you're amazing strength and encouraging words that kept me going even during the hardest times. It amazes me how much you have gone through and still you push on with amazing faith. You are the ultimate role model. I hope to some day be the amazing woman and mother you are. Thank you for the hours you've drove, the packages you've mailed, everything to help me through. I love you and Thank you.

To my dykes: It was you who showed me the ways of this school. You mentored me and guided me past your duties and I couldn't have asked for better dykes. Thank you for your wisdom and help.

To my rats: I may have not always been the best dyke or always around, but I hope you take what I have taught you and go a long way here at VMI. You are both very talented young ladies and I had the best rats. This year was made much more enjoyable with the random moments, crazy dancing, and great laughs you guys shared with me. Thank you and Good luck!

To Erin, my best friend: We've been through everything. I don't know if I would have kept my sanity, I wouldn't be motivated to EVER go to swim practice, I definitely wouldn't have laughed as much, I wouldn't have taken random road trips with. Life at VMI would have been dull and painful if I didn't have you there. You are my best friend and I thank you for everything you've done for me. I'm always here for you. Best of luck in the Air Force, and I know this is a friendship that will last for a life time. I mean after all I am going to be raising your kids.

"Life's not in the number of days you live but how you spend them"

2004: Leigh-Anne Lindenmuth
2010: Emily Neumann, Racheal Toman

Opinion Columnist 3,2,1; The Palms 1

Just like everybody else, I've had some of the best and worst times of my life at VMI. When deciding to come here, I really had no idea what I was getting myself into. Earlier in my cadetship, I would sometimes wonder if perhaps a regular college would have been a better fit for me. However, now I know for certain that VMI was the right school for me, even though this place pisses me off a lot. I've made friendships here that will last a lifetime and I feel privileged to be a part of the VMI brotherhood. Rah Virginia Mil.

2004: John Casper
2010: Grant Williams

Rat Challenge 4; Independent Research 4,3,2,1; F-Troop Corporal 3; Community Service Club 3; Cadet Battery 2; Beta Beta Beta Vice President 2,1; Powerlifting 3; Martial Arts 2; Racquetball 1

"There once was a man named Russ
and he always used to make a large Fuss,
Ever since we met on that rather dark day on matriculation
he never stopped producing excess amounts of perspiration,
Russ was always that eccentric spaz
who did everything with a certain pizzazz,
He used to get up at a quarter to six to go on down to roll some hays
and then tell us about his earlier days,
He told us he once received a gift
that would make any normal boys spirit lit,
It was a bottle of passion fruit lotion
that was made for that sacred motion,
He instead took out his spoon
and ate it like a bumbling buffoon,
Now Russ just sits around and does his work
as hard as a mime would smirk,
He will forever hate me for telling his tale,
but he knows deep down that I love him and will always post his bail,
Russ and I are the best of friends who could tell each other their deepest fears
or even more importantly share our tears,
With this I leave you my greatest friend,
Godspeed to you and I'll be with you till the end."
-John M. Lento

2004: Hamilton Bice
2010: Alex Houser

Class of

Cat; Hells - Bells



Dan the Man



Sweaty, Squirrel





Paul



Head "Domepiece"



Colby



As our time here at VMI draws to a close I am reminded of all our trials and tribulations. All the days in coattee full dyke with arms marching parades and all the miserable, or seemingly so, things that were expected of us. Looking back I can now say that despite how much I hated it at the time I would never trade any of it for anything. To David ("Squeaks") and the rest of the 119 rats Lott, Carp and Jay, I thank you for all that you've done to help us and for putting up with all of us on those bad VMI days. I leave you and the rest of your Rat Mass, turned class with this, remember what '07 taught you, because soon enough VMI and all that goes with it will be in your hands.

2004: Mariah Green
2010: David Foster

Deans List 4,3,2,1; Echo 1st Corporal, Master Sergeant, XO; Honor Court 2,1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; CIG 2,1

Four years have come and gone, and despite how slow each week seemed to drag by, it really did go by fast. It's been a tough four years; lots of late nights, lots of early mornings, lots of stress, but lots of memories as well. I don't regret a minute of this entire experience, but I know I didn't do it alone, so there are a few people I would like to thank:

To my roommates, it's been a great few years; this place would have really sucked without you guys. Thanks for never letting me take myself too seriously.

To Erin, you helped me through some rough times. Thanks for always being there for me and helping me get through this place.

To my little brother, it was fun having you around for two years, but get ready for these next two, they go by too fast. And remember to never let this place get to you.

To my parents, I love you and could not have done this without you. Thanks for being such an active part of my cadetship.

"For I consider that these current sufferings are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed within us."

Romans 8:18

2004: Hrvoje Glasnovic
2010: Lee Hafkemeyer, Berley Rister

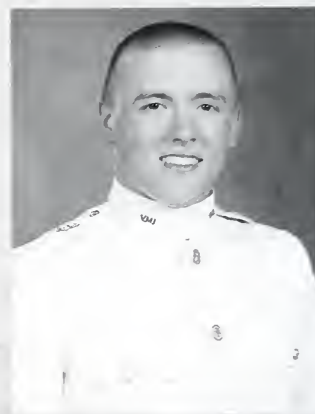
Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3

I don't have much to say, but its finally here. I do want to thank the ones who made it all possible to get to this point. First, the Lord, Mom, Dad, Bro, Tessa, and the Rats (Ryan, Lucus, Josh, and Justin). I give thanks to my dykes (Jay, Will, Sloan), and especially Brian for schoolin me up to get through this place (God speed with you) and thank you for being a great friend. But now the time has come to flip to the next chapter.



Paul R. Hiner
Roanoke, VA

Marine Corps - Economics / Business



Sean P. Hingley
Glen Allen, VA

Marine Corps - Economic / Business



Colby W. Hollingsworth
Dallas, TX
Army - Psychology

2004: Brian Malast
2010: Justin Hess, Josh Favaro

Class of



Andrew W. Holt
Shalimar, FL
Army - Biology



Matthew S. Hopchak
Evington, VA
Army - English



Wesley R. Hopkins
Old Town, ME
Army - History/International Studies

Club Bball 4,3,2,1; Undergrad. Research 3-1, Cadre 3-1, Strength and Fitness Club 3; Big Bro/Big Sis 2, Computer Lab Assistant 2-1, Scuba Club 1, RDC 1

My last four years at VMI are years that I would never choose to do again. However, I would never trade some of the experiences and opportunities that I have had over these past four years, for any amount of money. I believe VMI has given me the tools to succeed at whatever I choose to do in my life. Most of these tools, I feel, are invaluable and would be impossible of attaining at any other school in this country. From academics, to cadre, to recreation, to research, I know that I have truly been blessed in my decision. Thanks to all of the professors and coaches who taught and inspired me over the past four years. Special thanks to COL Turner and COL Baur for all of their patience and guidance throughout my biology career. My last thanks goes to the following individuals: my family, especially my Mom, my Dad and my bro and sis, for their continued support and encouragement; my friends, especially Tim, Matt, Mike, The G, Brad, and Maxwell for all of their ridiculousness that kept me laughing; and lastly, to all those back home that kept me grounded throughout my time here, without them, I would not be the same person that I am today. My advice to current and future cadets is simple. If you really want something bad enough and you're willing to sacrifice your time and energy in achieving it, then you'll get it. If you don't obtain it after giving an honest 100% effort, Stercus accidit FI/FE/Fido.

2010: Tyler Romaine

Clerk 2nd semester 3; 3rd platoon sergeant 1st semester 2; Ops Sergeant 2nd semester 2; Ranger Challenge 2; F-Troop XO 1

First, to James Sandman, Tom Pepka, and Matt Saccone: I wouldn't have enjoyed this place nearly as much if it weren't for ya'll. That's right, I said yall. And I'll keep saying "soda" and "ambu-LANCE" despite your efforts to Northern-ize me. Saccone sleeping on half hay and half wall. Tom always hurting himself when we wrestle. James throwing his headphones at the CS program that wasn't, and still isn't working. Inspecting Saccone every Monday. Throwing a grenade into a tree, which rolled directly back to me (thank the Lord it was practice). Constantly quoting "Bad Boys 2" and "Be Cool." Tom, Saccone and I staying up way too late and being way too loud for James to go to sleep. Saccone and James playing the same songs over and over and over again. James and his death-kill-blood sucking-heavy metal-goth music. "The Matt and Tom show." Saccone and I running and diving in the courtyard. Soccer in the courtyard. On a serious note, ya'll are awesome. Take care of yourselves.

Now a note to my rat. Keep it up buddy. I'm not going to lie, it's a long ride. But just how most long rides are usually worth something more at the end than your run of the mill road trip, the way you feel as the end of your cadetship draws closer is indescribable. Don't let this place get you down. It goes by faster than you think. Enjoy it.

Finally, I'm not bitter, except when you keep telling me "you're bitter."

"Ba"

2004: Dave Smit
2010: Josh Hughes

Band 4,3,2,1; Band Company Guidon 4; Rifle Team 3,2,1; NCMT Cadre 4,3,2; Marshall Library Research Scholar 3; Undergraduate Research Symposium 2,4; Security Science Internship at the National Science Foundation 3

I came here for myself. I stayed for my friends and my Brother Rats. I graduated for my family. In loving memory of Cecil D. Sherman (Aug. 4, 1917 - April 15, 2007), my grandfather in love and spirit, if not in blood. He served his country proudly, and may he rest in peace. I regret only that he could not be with me on that special day.

Nemo vir est qui mundum non reddat meliorem.
'What man is a man who does not make the world better?'

2004: Joshua Wright
2010: Benjamin Gardner, Patrick Wentzel

Drew



Matt



Wes, 'Hop'





Hop

Buddha once said, "There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting." My father has been walking next to me on the road all my life. It was there when I succeeded and picked me up when I fell. He is my greatest inspiration. He didn't always agree with my decisions, but he always supported the outcome. Through him, I have truly found myself and no one can take that away from us. My mother always knows what is best and even though I rarely took her advice, she managed to repeat it to the point where I was no longer hearing her, but actually listening. As annoying as it was, it showed that she has and will never give up on me. For that, I am forever in her debt. My sister Katie was like an angel looking down on me. Our relationship wasn't as verbal as it could have been, but sometimes the best advice isn't spoken. It's like a silent sky of peaceful stars shining in my conscience. I could tell my other sister Meghan anything and I love her more knowing that whatever I say, she will never judge me. I couldn't ask for better sisters to look up to. I couldn't have made it without the two of you. As for my friends: it took the last three years of my life to find my best friends. Graham, "We never failed to fail, it was the easiest thing to do." Think about how many times we have fallen. Spirits are using us, larger forces calling. What heaven brought you and me cannot be forgotten. You are the closest I have for a brother. Thank you for being there. As for me,

"There are places I'll remember
All my life, though some have changed
Some forever not for better
Some have gone and some remain
All these places have their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life, I loved them all." -John Lennon

2004: Chris Richman
2010: Edgar "Carl" Knapp

Swim Team 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; CEA 1

After 4 years here I'm not sure that 200 words can really do all the memories justice.

I guess in the end I'll keep this brief. To my family I want to thank you for always standing behind me and never losing faith in me. You have empowered me for 22 years and I just want to say thanks and I love you!

To my friends thank you for the words of wisdom, the encouraging words, and the fond memories. You will forever be my second family.

To my roommates you are AMAZING and I don't know what I would have done without you. From the dance parties, to the saber wars, and the ADD conversations...oh the memories.

To the rats of 149 keep your chins up and keep doing amazing things.

So as I walk out of Jackson Arch one final time as a cadet I shall always look back and remember. Remember the pain, the fatigue, the laughs, the friendships, and the courage to continue onward no matter the odds. "It is through being wounded that power grows and can, in the end, become tremendous" Friedrich Nietzsche

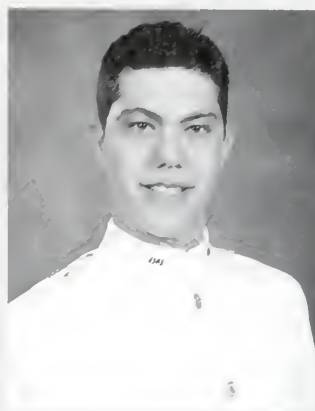
Good Luck and God Speed everyone...and so begins another adventure!!!

2004: Eric Hepfer
2010: Jessica Daniel, Sarah Whitten

Wrestling 4, 2; Rat Challenge 3, 1; Regimental S7 Corporal 3; 1st Battalion Color Sergeant 2; Private 4, 1; A Good Looking Guy 4, 3, 2, 1; Bataan Death March 1; #1 Club 1; Rugby 4; Drill Team 3

To this day I am not sure whether VMI was the place for me or not. However there are a few things I am certain of: there is a God and he and my family helped me make it through this place; without them, I would be nothing. I went through a lot of "stuff" here at VMI from injuries to facing the unjust corruption they call the Commandant Staff, but my family and God helped me through it. For this I must thank all of you for your support and encouragement. Dad: you are my hero, always have and always will be. Mom: you will always be the #1 girl in my life. Sarah and Jake: you are the best friends I could ever ask for. Thank you for everything. To my dyke: you taught me so much, but most importantly you taught me how to get through VMI and how to be more of a man. I will never forget everything you did for me. Joffrey: you're the best roommate I could have asked for. We've been through a lot together, but you stuck with me through it all, thanks bro. To all my boys and roommates: you have meant so much to me through the years and got me through this place, thank you for everything. To my rats (minus 1): continue on with greatness, keep your heads up, make good memories, and NEVER forget to be loyal to those closest to you. As for now, I will continue on with my life never forgetting those important to me and the times we had together. You will always be in my heart and prayers and one day, we shall meet again...until then, stay true. I'm out.

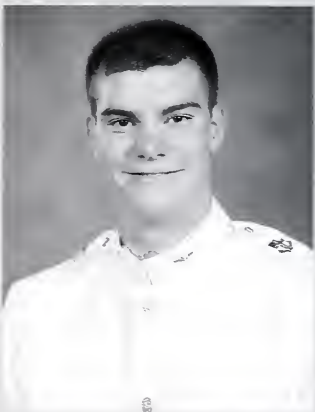
2004: Matthew Roscoe
2010: Anthony Korbely



Ryan M. Hopping
Ipswich, MA
Air Force - English



Erin L. Hottle
Cheyenne, WY
Air Force - Chemistry



Michael W. Huggins, Jr.
Midlothian, VA
Air Force - Economics & Business



Erin

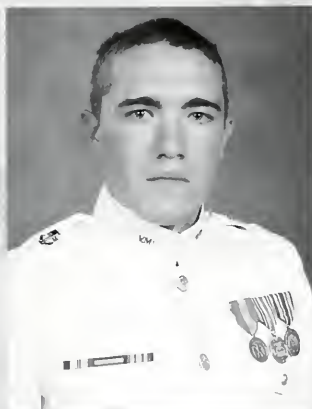


Aggy Bear, Wayne, Waynus





Zaychary K. Huson
McLean, VA
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Elijah T. Huston
Front Royal, VA
Marine Corps - Psychology



William R. Hutaff, IV
Charlotte, NC
Army-Civil Engineering

Clerk 3; Power lifting 3; Platoon Sergeant 2; Academic Mentor 2; Racquetball 1; Lieutenant 1

As a rat, I did everything my cadre told me. I had immaculate attention to detail and worked hard to be the best rat I could be, in other words I was a tool bag. Third class year I moved into a room with John and Russ, and have been with them ever since. It took two years of living with them before I realized that it doesn't matter how shiny my shoes are or how well my shirt is tucked in, it is what's on the inside that counts. VMI is much more than parades and ceremonies, it is about finding who you are and how you want to live. I realized that if it takes staying up till 2 in the morning to get an assignment done, then it is worth staying up till 4 so that we can have some fun getting a movie in too. I want to thank my family for supporting me through this experience. I want to thank my Dykes, my Rats, and my Brother Rats for experiences that will last a lifetime. Lastly I want to thank my roommates John and Russ for staying with me through the end. The world is ours for the taking, just go for it.

2004: Ross Garnett
2010: Tristan Euritt

No history provided.

2004: Dennis Crennan
2010: Michael Johnson, James Ray

CPL 3; SGT 2; LT 1; Ranger Prep 3,1; Alpha company 4,3,2,1

I don't remember the reason that I decided to come to VMI. That idealistic mindset was lost a long time ago. What I do remember is the reason I stayed at VMI, and that is my brother rats. I have never met a greater group of people.

To the boys, and girl, of the Civil Engineering Department, thank you. Without your constant help in about ever subject I never would have made it to graduation. I wish you all the best of luck in whatever it is you do.

To the rats of room 153. VMI is the type of place that will beat you down on a regular basis. There is more bullshit here than any place I have experienced. Remember to rely on your brother rats. Those are the people that will be there for you, and in the end they will get you through VMI. Your Brother Rats are VMI.

To Dan and Ben, it's been a good run. It has been a pleasure rooming with you. You have helped me through this place more than you know. And to get the last word in, you both know what you are.

And lastly to the Alpha guys. Words cannot describe my experiences with ya'll these last few years. You have made my VMI experience complete. There has never been a dull moment around ya'll and I hope that there never will be. All the things that I could say here you already know, so I'm just gonna say, Hardcore Alpha.... In the Bonds....

2004: Benjamin K. Hassell
2010: Will Correll, Mike Casper

Class of

"Hoss"



Eli



Hoot, Rhett da Jett





Juicebox



Robert



Cjax



Take what you can from your dreams, make them as real as anything.

2004: Ryan Koziol
2010: Matthew Bass

Cadet at VMI 4,3,2,1; First Class Private 1; Cadet-in-Focus for School Newspaper 1; F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Seven Six Five 4,3,2,1; EMT 3,2,1; NCMT Cadre 4,2,1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3; Big Red Club 1

When somebody finds out that you go to VMI there's one of two questions they ask... "What's it like?" or "Why'd you choose to go there?" I've spent the past four years answering those questions and have yet to come up with a consistent answer. Despite this, I have found the answer to one question... "What has gotten me this far?" The answer to that is simple, my family and my friends. My parents have been there for me every step of the way. I can't even imagine how I could've made it this far without the emotional (and financial, thanks again Dad) support of my parents. The other part to this equation is my friends, as many people know I actually resigned my cadetship during my sophomore year and I stand by the fact that the ONLY thing that brought me back here were my friends. To my roommates- Ryan, Baff, and Kaiyu...good luck and something smells in the room right now, probably should check that out. To my family- Mom and Dad, thanks again...Joey- Don't do it, go to regular college. To my Rat- You've been great, good luck with the next three years...and I need my hay put down because I want to take a nap so if you get this in time could you come down and do that. So what is VMI like? Well, it's a totally unique experience. I mean its 7:00 am right now (0700 for all you tools), and I'm sitting here waiting for someone to come make sure I cleaned my room. I'm 22 years old and I have a bedtime and curfew stricter than when I was in middle school, I keep my underwear in a cardboard box with my name on it- I could continue. So anyone from regular college who's reading this and wants to complain about how hard pledging for your frat was...come and talk to me after you've urinated in your sink as a freshman because you're to afraid to go to the bathroom. What more can I say. It's been...informational... See you all next year...

2004: Ryan Thiel
2010: Clint Raine

Lacrosse 4,3,2 ; Team Captain 1; Study Abroad in Berlin 1

Do I contradict myself? Very well then, I contradict myself. (I am large, I contain multitudes.) Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself" I figure my actions for the past four years deserve an explanation. To my parents, you dropped me off and they yelled at me. I listened, I adapted, I lived, and I loved, and became independent. They say cadets take the road less traveled. I'm proud to say, I learned to blaze my own trails. That is the most valuable education you can ask for. Thank you for your love and compassion for the past 4 years. To my sister Ali, laybax keep it real. To my Brother Parker, just because I'm bigger I hope you continue to be my older brother. VMI failed at making me as meticulous as you are. To Sid, you are the prodigy child so don't screw it up. I wish you all the success you can handle... To Lauren, the lady-friend who has stuck through it with me since the ratline, I love you and I admire your cubana Latina passion, even though it drives me insane, it seems I can't get enough of it. I don't know where I would be without your support and lovin. Remember when we decided to meet in Europe? Or how about the time I told you, you are my girlfriend. I guess it just stuck...for 4 years, but who is counting anyway. "It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds." -Aesop. To my dirty roommates, who will Capt. Blakey talk to now? Chuck- 336, 206, 123. Andrew, Paul-206,123. I don't want to be remembered for the bottle rocket, only admired. Hibernation, pizza on the walls, B, tube socks, Andrew's rage, Paul's outbursts, Chucks presence, and complete randomness. Chuck, you complete me. Steve- Europe called; it wants its dignity back: invasion of Berlin, Oktoberfest 06, Blax, Na kauf, Eurocuts, thank you Berliner Kindel, Weihnachtsmarkt, bratwurst, and Hertha BSC. VMI LAX- the ups and downs, aches and pains, blood and sweat, bus rides and viper pits, it's not a sprint, it's a marathon. Adrian, Dougie Fresh, Pic Dawg, and all VMI laxer's- it's been a pleasure. To my high school teachers who laughed at me in disbelief when I told them "VMI"... booya.

2004: Will Simmons
2010: 2007 Lax Rats



Paul T. Issler
Fairfax Station, VA
Air Force - Mathematics & Spanish



Robert A. Jacaruso, III
Hershey, PA
Air Force - History



Curtis Jaques
Rosemont, NJ
Navy - International Studies/
Modern Languages



Patrick A. Johnsen
Ottawa, IL
Army - Civil Engineering



George K. M. Johnson
Norfolk, VA
Air Force - Economics/Business



Michael L. Johnson
Poughkeepsie, NY
Army - Psychology

Rugby 3,2,1; Music Appreciator 4,3,2,1; Struggling Private 4,3,2,1; Crazy 4,3,2,1

"Here's my attempt to wing it...To be on the tail end of a journey such as VMI, there are countless people I must thank and there is no way that I could be able to list all of the family, friends, coaches, professors and commandant's staff, who have bent over backwards for me to help me out in my life. I must thank God, however, because looking back at my cadetship the only explanation that I can come up with for my still being here at the Institute is that God had it in his will for me to make it, and for that I thank you Lord. To reflect over the past 4 years here at VMI I can only think of how awesome this place is and how much fun it is living next door to 1300 friends. Now I am going to list numerous random memories (enjoy the ride): tank makers, facebook foul, stone recliner, VMI moles (those that live within the walls), liquid micro-dot, Squince Paladoris, f'burg Laundromat, Bill-Pill, "look, he's waving with his finger", go-karts, late night drive which turned into caving, random sleep positions, Savannah, Bela Fleck sellout, Villager Inn, keg in barracks via Jackson arch, YMSB, Singing in the car, "Don't become the carpet", oh yas, rusty-transam-dipspit-crocodile, LOYALTY, and FISHING. There are so many more but now to Wayne, Tyler, and Ryan...you have seen it all. You can all go out and live better lives now after having roomed with me. Thanks for the memories. Zane, I can't thank you enough. To Jacob and Evan, I finally loosened up and stopped being so hard on ya'll, hã-hã. VMI is the best college in many ways, so experience it to the fullest. I know you will. Jacob, I am still upset about never getting to share a hay with you again.

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

God,

Grant me the serenity to:

Accept the things I cannot change,

Have the courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference.

2004: Andy Harris

2010: Jacob Moore

Basketball 4,3,2,1; Club Lacrosse 2

My VMI experience is best described by GD's song title "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been." Upon entering barracks for the first time in July of 2003, I had no idea. Fortunately the friends you gain during the miserable years outweigh all the negative aspects. I leave to those who follow a few words of advice; always be on time and set your watch three minutes fast. These two rules will keep you out of D-bone problems and keep time moving and before you know it your time will be up and the real world will be within grasp. To my friends, I want to say thanks for all the laughs and the help in getting through this hell hole. Without you guys I never would've made it. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through my cadetship and giving me the opportunity to attend VMI. MDub thanks for being my one and only. Lastly I'll never forget the 604, THE CORNER, Bball Family, rizides, City Subs, running 81, Sensenly Ln, 120 stairs, Mr. T's, The Ridge, and all the ones I lost over the last four years.

2004: Daniel Belzer

2010: Jason Tate, John Piribek

Martial Arts Club 2; Ranger Challenge 1; Video Editing 3; Dean's List 3,2,1; Corporal 3

Born in a dark, cold monastery in Asia, Michael Lee was a child of two kung-fu qualified sheep farmers. After practicing the ancient art of wasabi kung-fu, he and his family moved to Westchester Co, New York to learn the ways of the "American". His exposure to American life left him broken, so he applied to VMI with the hopes of becoming the "citizen soldier". Sadly, the VMI system did not mold Johnson into the lean, mean three-tiered stool machine that he had hoped to become. Instead, he became the somewhat lean, videogame playing machine that Americans hold so dear. He'll amaze you with his "kung-fu tricks" and then borrow your money when you're not looking - those Chinese pickpocketing skills...

He plans to use his VMI degree and join the Army. If the Army doesn't take him then he'll join the Foreign Legion as a recruiter for their Ninja detachment; assuming he can reclaim his former Ninja-ness. God Bless VMI.

2004: Rod James

2010: Paul Woo

Class of 01

Pat



George



Twinkie



Cross Country 4, Track and Field 4; Corporal 3; Color Sgt 2; 5-7 Lieutenant 1; Cheerleading 3,2,1; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Theatre 4,3,2 ; Promaji Club 1



es-E-G, Jonesie, Kid, A-lee-c-a



Shawn



Eri



I rode the Army Mule at the Army game. Then I got sent up to the GC and boned for "Lack of Good Judgment". It was a good time, and well worth it! How many other cadets can say they have done that? Now it is immortalized.

I thank my mom, dad, and all my grandparents for finding this story hilarious. Thanks to everyone for sending me love through the mail. Thanks to Abbey, my sister, for sending me packages and making time go faster. I will remember the good times with friends, roommates, and rat-tie. Some of the high points of the past four are EWC, Birdology, Kite flying like it's my job, rack dancing, fishing, and FCP.

Now I will close with a quote from my favorite book. "It is the lips of the liar that conceal hostility but he who spreads accusations is a fool, what the wicked man fears will befall him but the desire of the just will be granted." Proverbs 10: 18,24. Take it as you will.

2004: Amanda Phelps
2009: Michelle Lukenbill (DaLukes)

I came here from Wyoming and didn't know anyone near VMI. During my cadetship I've made some of the best friends a person could ever have. Through my cadetship I have learned lessons that a regular college could never have taught. It has shown me the best and worst of myself and of others. Though some might say it develops cockyness, VMI has given me the confidence to face any obstacle life may present me with.

2004: Brent Banks
2010: James Lichter Jr.

Echo Co, Private all the way 3,2,1; Big Brother/ Big Sister 2,1; Library Assistant 2,1; CCS 1; CEA 1; FCP 1; Softball 3,2,1; Having fun 4,3,2,1

I still can't believe our journey at VMI is almost over. There were many times that I asked myself WHY, and I think I've done more than my fair share of complaining. But looking back I am glad I chose this path. As I look back at the past 4 years, I can recall countless memories, good and bad. However, the most treasured ones are the good times I've had with friends. So here are a few shout outs to those that kept me here at VMI, the ones I could not have made it without. Girls of 07 (you know who you are): I am proud to be a part of the best group of girls @ VMI. Roomies: Britt-Too many memories. Thanks for the support for 4 years. Raevon-You are one of a kind. But I knew I could always count on you. KB-I am glad we became roomies. I loved every moment we spent together. Summer crew: We def. had a blast even in Lex. Thanks for the good times. VB-Best Summer Buddy. FCP crew: Good times, every night. Tab-Couldn't have lived without you. You made this place fun. Bio clan-To the many late nights in NSB. You all made studying fun and tolerable. Jamil-The other half of my brain. Couldn't have done it w/o you. Mira-As much as I picked fights w/ you, you are a blast. The guys: Thanks for making this a fun place. I enjoyed every moment with you all. 208 rats: Try to make this a fun place. It'll be over before you know it. 108 rats: I have faith in all of you. Stay out of trouble but have fun. And for all those still stuck here, good luck to u. Last but not least, mom, dad, and Lisa. Thanks for all your support. I always knew I could come to you. I owe it to you all. Thanks again for all those who made it bearable here and I will definitely miss all of you. Best of Luck to the Class of 2007.

2004: Nadia Wendlandt
2009: Lauren McKinley, Jackie Morton, Shannon Smith
2010: Julie Markow, Jessica Robbins, Virginia Taylor, Michelle Feole, Kate Lamneck



Elise G. Jones
Decatur, IN
Air Force - Biology

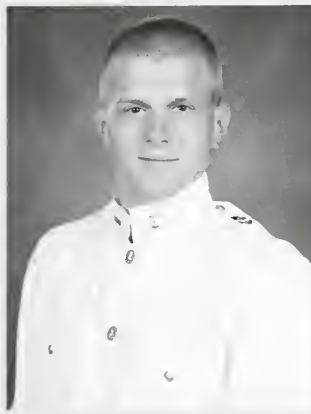


Shawn M. Jones
Lexington, VA
Navy - Civil Engineering



Eri Kamura
Marietta, GA
Navy - Biology

Class of



Matthew A. Kania
Pittsburgh, PA

Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Jamil A. Kareem

Atlanta, GA
Army - Biology



Victor S. Karpov

Troy, MI
Air Force - Business and Economics

Ice Hockey 4,3,2 ; Rugby 4; REG S-2 LT 1; Charlie 3, 2, 1; GSGT 2; CPL 3; Tau Beta Pi 4,3; Phi Kappa Phi 4,3

What can there be said about Matt Kania? Besides the fact that he belongs on the ridiculous persons list (which should be a given), we've had some of the most insane times. W&L the first few weekends of third class year really kicked off our roommatehood (it's probably a word) together. Wait, wait...let's back that up. I think in all fairness, we need to credit our dykes for showing us this place could be fun. Laundry bag fights, poem reading, and obviously Halloween. We just took what they showed us and bumped it up a few (hundred) notches. Matt, Jon, and myself lived our entire cadetships just like we wanted to: we took the things we liked about this place and took advantage of them. And of course the things we didn't like we just didn't worry about. 3rd class year was really just ridiculous. I don't know if I will ever drink Bacardi Superior again. 2nd class year at ECU? Nothing will ever top Matt sprawling on the ground and flailing his arms and legs to find Limauro's ring. And 1st class year? The first half of our last semester is one of the greatest we've had as roommates, and Lord knows there's plenty of time for it to be even more ridiculous. Being roommates, teammates, (and not to mention members of the same club) has been incredible, and I know its only going to get better. - MDC. I have experienced many firsts here including a Steeler's super bowl victory, which makes 5 for those of you counting (Labresh), not having to go to Israel with Labresh, helping Moorman with the animal cages, just meeting somebody like The Max, seeing Scuba Steve when we would make it away from the Zebra fish, and B-Rad being a complete non-man. I am going to miss all the good times (a lot of FCP's and hockey weekends), good friends (Deemroller this includes you), and great roommates; Mike, DJ, and Raff. I don't even need to say anything. I am going to miss all you guys but what can be said except I think we have all made it into the ridiculous people book...

2004: Matt Sanders
2010: Andrew Fornadley

Golf Co 9th CPL; Golf Co 1st PLTG. Sgt.; 1st class PVT; boxing 4,3; sprint football 3,2; power-lifting 1; Frisbee 1; Team Cougars 1; Scream Team 3,2,1

First and foremost I would like to give thanks to my family namely my mom and my brother, who knows where I would be without ya'll. They say that "a lesson lived, is a lesson learned" and if that is true then I have learned a lot from all the PT's, days spent on confinement, and countless demerits. It has been a long four years and graduation has always been this unreachable goal that is now tangible. There are few things that I will miss about this place but it is certain that I will never forget the Institute and all the memories good and bad.

To the rats of S-11, Tim-Dawg, Duff-man, Humdeezee, and Mike, stay involved try not to become disillusioned with this place like so many people do. Tim-Dawg I hope that the rest of your dykes and I have taught you enough and you have learned enough to carry on our dyke line, thank you for everything, I wish you the best man. To all of my real friends (you know who you are) all I can say is thank you, thank ya'll for everything. To my BR's I wish all of you the best and good luck in your future endeavors whatever they may be. One of the truest things I have heard during my cadetship is that "you may not find the meaning of your life in the four years at VMI, but your journey will begin", but the journey has only begun and there is still so much to do, life's a garden dig it. Peace, I'm out.

2004: Graham Carssow
2010: Timothy "Tim-Dawg" Howard

Crazy Guy at the First Class Party 1

There are two things that Vic really enjoys: sleeping and attention. On any given day one could expect to find Vic "philosophizing" about some obscure topic or fast asleep in his rack. However, Vic needs his sleep as he will soon be joining the ranks of the elite as a Top Gun Pilot with the United States Air Force. He has been diligently preparing for his future career by performing low reps and frequently entertaining guests on Josh's computer. His biceps are internationally known as his ICMBs. His philosophical debates have left many dumbfounded and questioning reality. One also got a chair thrown at him. We will never forget Corps trips to Richmond, rye bread, midnight rifle pt, the Winthrop parking lot, and Bojangles chicken.

While Vic has managed to live with half the corps, he instantly became a part of the room when he joined us First Class year. He keeps the mood light by constantly laughing and making fun of Rich. Always there to call out rankers and other tools of the Institute, Vic was always a favorite of the Regimental Staff. Vic is one of the most loyal men and was always willing to stand up for his friends no matter whom or how many were against them. Few men are willing to make such a long and hard commitment to service that Vic has chosen with the Air Force. He has proven over the four years that not only is he a great friend but a man worthy of respect and our gratitude.

2004: Stacy Rostorfer
2010: Hugo Bustamante-Ray Starsman

Kaniaski, Kanye



Jam, AAB



Victor





Thane



2004: John Puvogal
2010: Alex Grant

Cadre Corporal 3; Triathlon Club 3,2,1; Ring Figure Ball CIC 2; OGA VP 1

I'm not a very emotional person; some people say that I have two emotions: mad and not mad, and as I reflect on my years at VMI, I'm not mad. The "VMI experience," through the good and the bad, has made me a better person. As we graduate, let go of all the ill will built up against the Institute, chalk up the bad times as lessons learned, the good times as the best you've ever had, and never think that you did it alone.

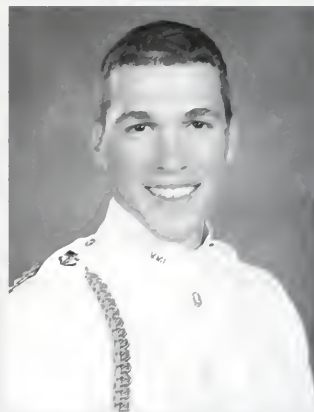
I want to thank my parents for their love and support. I want to thank my fiancé Abby for putting up with the "VMI experience" for the last four years. You have always been understanding of the VMI nonsense and have given me and my friends a place to escape to. I love you. Finally, thanks to all my Brother Rats--the ones who dragged me through Marine Corps functions, the Engineering rat line, the barracks hell and never-ending confusion of VMI. You know who you are and I hope I pulled my weight. To my roommates: @%...

2004: Chuck Karamon
2010: Andrew Compton, Brian Bopp

Wrestling, Rugby, Lifting

I would just like to say thank you to all of my BR's out there. This cadetship has been long, but you all made it bearable. I will never forget all the good times we've had from hiding "confiscatables!!!!" in our room, to just simple random dance parties in our underwear. To my roommates: Pat, you will always be my best bro and I will always be right, Hopkins. Well, historically I will always be here for you and I know I can count on you because you are a true friend, and Wills, your cartoons kept me going and you're the coolest ginger a friend could have. Sykes and Scott, you guys were awesome and I'll never forget the good times we had causing problems in the room together, you guys were really good buddies to have. And my rat roomies Brown, Hennely, and Carter, Man!!!, talk about a messed up, crazy room, I will miss you guys and I hope to see you in the future. I still can not believe I came and stayed at this place, but from STP all the way to graduation, I owe it all to my friends here that kept me coming back every semester, and also to my family for their support. There are still so many other people here who have been close to me and played a large roll in my life and I will never forget you guys!!!!...We did it, class of 07 BABY!!!!

2004: Keith Yull
2010: Jared Hendee, Matthew Murphy



Thane A. Keller
Gainesville, VA
Army - Psychology



Brandon D. Kelly
Roanoke, VA
Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



Aaron C. Kerkhof
Muncie, IN
Air Force - Economics and Business



Brandon

Errron, Kerkules





Brian D. Kerrebrock
Longwood, FL
Marine Corps - History

Cadre 3, 2; NCMIT Instructor 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge Pugil Stick Instructor 3,2; Special Actions Detachment 3,2,1; Ass kicker and Life Taker 4,3,2,1 +

Throughout my life here at VMI, I have tried to remind myself...everyday...the first thing that I read in my Rat Bible was Thucydides' quote about how "the ones that come out on top are the ones trained in the hardest school." I have cherished my time here; not for the education that VMI has provided, but for the bonds between my countless brothers and sisters who I can say I am privileged and honored to have stood among. Regardless for what reasons we came here, we leave as men and women of honor, integrity, and character; traits that are hard found in the world. I am proud to have been in such great company these past years, and I will forever remember the times we've shared. I look forward to fighting alongside many of you in the coming days, leading and inspiring others to greatness. I thank God, and my loving family for their support. And cheers to my mates: Onward to glory lads....

Vincit, Qui Se Vincit,
Brian Kerrebrock

"The Way of the Samurai is found in death. When it comes to either/or, there is only the quick choice of death. It is not particularly difficult. Be determined and advance. To say that dying without reaching one's aim is to die a dog's death is the frivolous way of sophisticates. When pressed with the choice of life or death, it is not necessary to gain one's aim. We all want to live. And in large part we make our logic according to what we like. But not having attained our aim and continuing to live is cowardice. This is a thin dangerous line. To die without gaining one's aim is a dog's death and fanaticism. But there is no shame in this. This is the substance of the Way of the Samurai. It by setting one's heart right every morning and evening, one is able to live as though his body were already dead, he gains freedom in the Way. His whole life will be without blame, and he will succeed in his calling." (The Hagakure, Yamamoto Tsunetomo)

2003: Kyle Haire
2009: Richard Gammon



Peter F. Kirkendall
Jacksonville, FL
Army - Biology

Cadre 3,2,1; Scuba 3; Ranger Challenge 2,1; Body Building 2; Ultimate Frisbee (the real team) 3,2,1

First I would like to thank my family for giving me all of their support. In my four years at VMI I have learned so much about life, friends, leadership, and hardship. I would like to thank the Institute for giving me the ability to always find the fun in any situation, and to be able to see the absurdity in others. I would like to thank the faculty of the Biology department for supporting me in all of my academic endeavors, as well as all of the non-science professors that had to put up with my crap. Cody, you have been a great rat. I hope that you continue to strive for excellence. Don't take the easy way out, do what you know is the right thing to do. Lastly to all of the great friends I have made. I love you all and wish you all the best for the rest of your lives.

2004: Anthony Miller
2010: Cody Hennelly



Brandon R. Kirtley
Roanoke, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Rat Challenge 4; PW Club; ASME Member 1;

My family has been a part of the armed forces in this country since we first settled here in the 1700's. My grandfathers in particular were a great influence on my interest in the military and the people who spent their lives in its service. Growing up I had wanted to be a pilot, ever since my grandfather took me to the old aviation museum outside Fort Eustis. Since then I have shifted from that dream, and instead found myself pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering. VMI, however, offered me both. My father was the first in our family to be able to successfully put himself through school and become a medical doctor, and because of him me and my brothers and sister are able to go to college. I see VMI as sort of a middle ground, bringing both the past and future of my family history together.

I was raised in Roanoke Virginia, after having lived briefly in Texas, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania. I was greatly influenced by the rural area we lived in, and the small schools that I went to. VMI is very similar to the small family like community that I grew up in, but with the obvious differences that a military school has.

For all the people I've known here, gone to class with, and lived with: they have all made the time spent here worth it. There is one thing that helps more than anything to get through those long hard days, it's the friends you have in barracks. Even if it's that brief exchange as you pass in the dark, it's good to know that it's someone who has worked through the same things you have, and done more than most of your friends back home can claim. My only regret is that as I progress in life, I may never be able to know such a great community of people.

2004: Terrell Jackson

Class of

Brian



Pistol Pete, LB



Ross, Kurt-dawg





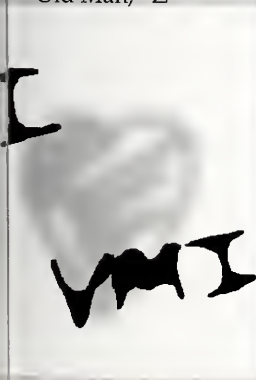
Cory



Wild Bill



Old Man, "Z"



"I am against religion because it teaches us to be satisfied with not understanding the world." -Richard Dawkins

At VMI I've learned that life has endless opportunities to learn and better myself, and I should never take what I have as enough.

I would like to thank my roommates, brother rats, fiance, parents, brother, grandmother, and all of the CE professors for helping me get the most out of my stay at this beloved institution.

2004: Ryan Koziol
2010: Kyle DeVerna

Racquetball 2,1; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; 2LT 1

At last now you can be what the old cannot recall
and the young long for in dreams,
yet still include them all. -TJ

2004: Jon Saburn
2010: Stephan Cauley, Christopher Leach

RDC 1; Cadre 2,3; ASCE 1,2; Army National Guard 1,2,3,4;

Jessee Kopczynski... the man, the myth, the legend. You know, not just anyone has their own facebook fan club, especially not one made by people they used to abuse. Jessee does. Even if VMI tried to take your soul, you still function without it - who really needs one anyway. 4 years in this place has been a long road, certainly not for the faint of heart, but it has molded that fiercely independent spirit into what has become the best, most rock-steady friend I've got. I'll always remember the wandering bathrobe nights that led you to the trunk room "just to check" on what you *knew* was in there. Or the times you ended up in barracks in a "not all-right" place after our visits to Trish uptown. I like to think our lifestyle in this place would have driven lesser men to madness - I know I would've gone that way without the steadiest wingman in barracks by my side. The world might just be a vampire, but you faced it cool and cold; you taught me to do the same when necessary.

Jessee Kopczynski... he cuts through the BS like no one else and even with all the activities he's involved in, he's still got a sickeningly high GPA. Here's to the late nights, the early mornings, the scotch and the sunsets, and taking life straight with no chaser. May your glass never be empty.

Blood and Guts-

Mike

2004: Michael Uranko Jr.



Cory C. Knick
Woodbridge, VA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



William O. Konrad
Bally, PA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Jessee L. Kopczynski
Strasburg, PA
Army - Civil/ Environmental Engineering



Gregory W. Kosh
West Chester, PA

Marine Corps - International Studies/ Arabic



Komgrit Kotcharaksa
Ratchaburi, Thailand
Army - Civil Engineering



Anastasia M. Kovarik
Clayton, NC

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Ranker 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2; Soccer 4; Swimming 2,1; Young Republicans 4,3,2,1; Model Arab League 3,2; Dragons 2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 3,2

I came to VMI wanting a school that I would be proud of and would give me a challenge. My initial perception of VMI prior to matriculation has changed over the past four years, although I am sure I will find that true with many things. However, I am still glad that I made the decision to come to the Institute. My love for the school will continue to grow over time. Nothing that is worth doing is ever easy and that is the truth with VMI. Although I could be satisfied with my current state, there is still more I would like to accomplish. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support throughout all of my endeavors and I know their support will continue. Of all the great things VMI has to offer I have found the relationships one develops to be the most important aspect. They have proven to be unlike many others. I wish the best of luck to everyone whatever may come their way.

2004: Steve Raveia
2010: Alex Beckstrand

Soccer Club 4,3,2,1; Volleyball 2,1; Army Aviation Club 1; International Club 3,2,1; Ta Beta Pi Society 2,1; ASCE 2,1; Private 4,3,2; S-4 First Lieutenant 1; S-4 Captain 1

I am an international student from Thailand. It was the first time for me to come overseas. I did not know where and what is Virginia Military Institute. I also could not speak English at all. Therefore, it was not easy to communicate with cadre and Brother Rats in the first semester of ratline. Thanks to all Echo BRs who helped me get through hell week and rat line. I love Tiger Echo. All my dykes also helped me learn the VMI system and how to survive here for four years. Dennis, Eddie, Lincoln and Special K (my dyke) pushed me and my co-dykes to the hard ratline. Burton, Tu, Safy, and Dimeolo had to stuck and suffer with me for whole year. I remember every single second that we had to push and do some funny things together. Guys, we are co-dykes forever. Liam, Grant, and Chris, you guys, were great roommates. I enjoyed it and had a good time together. I enjoyed my life at VMI. I played club soccer and enjoyed it every second. Thanks to all soccer club teammates. I also have a lot of friends who came from different parts of the country. I learned many things from you guys. Na Lek and Na Lew like my parents. I could not survive without your hospitality and kindness. Thanks for the Thai food and love that you two always gave to us. P'Note, P'Game, and P'Pump are the great mentors who taught me everything at VMI and military life. They are like my big brothers. Thanks to my military attaché and his family for their kindness. N'Aui, N'Yui, and N'Aim, you all are cool and nice to me. To my first class roommates, it was wonderful time to hang out with you guys. I enjoyed living with you, Jason, Ming-Yeh, Alphabet and lovely Suchang. We should remember the time that we picked on Suchang and made fun of him. The last thing, thanks to my family to always understand me and support. Rah VA Mil.

2004: Thananart Klongcheongsan
2010: Shawn Wongkachonkitti

NCAA Soccer 4,2,1; Women's Bible Study 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Club Soccer 3; Bataan Death Memorial March Team 3; S-3 SGT 2; Field Training Prep Cadre 2; OGA 1; Sounding Brass Poetry Editor 2,1

Rat-tics: Chris and Audrey, I love you. Ya'll are some fine women. It'll fly.

Ma & Da: I can't say enough. Thank you for driving the 8 hour round trip to see me for often less time than that. I love you—thank you for reminding me of what He can do through me.

Zac (a.k.a. the hottest guy in barracks): the one person in the 8 walls of barracks who knows me as I truly am—an irritating freckled-faced girl who likes pickles, spaghetti, and British home videos. I love you Bo.

Hatley and Abby and Coz: you were responsible for 99.9999% of the daily joy I had in this place.

Golf CO, WOSOCO (GMSO), OGA, Club Soccer, and M.E. students, and BIBLE STUDY... thanks for all the BEST stories; I'll be sure to exaggerate them at our 25 year reunion... because that's how long it's going to take to come back to this place

ALL MY GIRLS... I love you much and want nothing more than for you to continue to grow into courageous, beautiful, feisty women who are lovers of truth.

Aight...

2004: Shelley Cox
2009: Christina Mowatt-Larsen 2010: Audrey Falconi

Class of

Cool, Babe



K2, K square, Gym



Kovey Baby, Kov, Casper





Kat



Kupper



Timbo



It has been four years since we crossed through Jackson's arch with aspirations of our future. Now a lifetime and many sleepless nights later here we are. Standing on the threshold of the next chapter of our lives. As much as I say I wish I went somewhere else, everyone who knows me knows that just isn't so. I would do this all over it gain. All for the amazing people I have met here. It is said that a true friend is a person who will be there not to bail you out of jail, but sitting next to you saying "That was Fun." While I have friends here with whom this would happen and I value these friends so very much, there have been two women who have become the truest friends I have ever had. Blair and Carolyn. You two are the two most amazing women I have ever met. Without the two of you I would have lost my mind. Thank you for always being there. Dink Dink. I wish I could name everyone that I have been so blessed to know but I can't. You all know who you are and you are all very special to me. Mike- everything happens for a reason. Everything will be ok. Ryan- The usual. Rats- Find your path and fight for it. Mad Dog- You are all crazy but you are all great people- it has been a blast knowing you all- best of luck. The biology department- thanks for everything. Mom and Dad- without you guys none of this would have been possible, thanks for letting me follow my path. To VMI- through everything it's been fun. Here is to the future.

2004: Derrick Borthwick, Ryan Shealy
2010: Sara Lendabarker, Elsbeth Griffiths

Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Drum line 4, 3, 2, 1; National Guard 3, 2, 1

...an International Studies Major from Reading Pennsylvania. I matriculated with the Mass of 04+3 on August 16, 2003, claimed by Brian Sinkule '04 (but really '03), and climbed Breakout Hill on January 24th with the Class of 2007. With the Band, I've traveled to Mardi Gras in New Orleans Rat Year for the Endemyon Parade and to Mobile, Alabama both Rat and 3rd Class years. Additionally, I've have spent countless SRC's drumming the Corps down to chow. Both my 2nd and 3rd class years I held Rat Challenge Band Company leadership positions and helped them place top five both years. My small claim to fame is being the first quad player (the four drum thingy) at VMI since before our dykes, and creating all the cadences for it from scratch. Now the quad line is 4 strong and has new equipment (...a miracle to say the least). I've spent most of my time trying to get away from this place and as a result I've ended up seeing over 25 concerts and counting. On those unfortunate weekends when I am stuck here I do my best to get up town with my BRs and have some fun (get drunk). As much as I hate this place at times, I am extremely proud to join the ranks of distinguished alumni that have come before me and hope that I will be able to exceed the standards of success they have set.

2004: Brian Sinkule, Drew Hardin, Matt Sanders, Charlie Munn
2010: Stephen Nickoley, Justin Tench, Justin Minter, Caleb Dixon

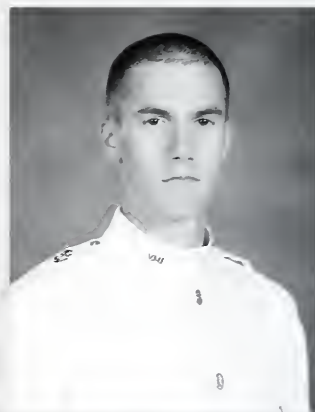
Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Disciplinary Committee 2,1; Strength and Fitness 3; Bodybuilding 2; Hotel Company 4,3,2,1.

First, I want to thank all the guys that made this place bearable. Drewfus, Momo, Max, and B-Rad, thanks for keeping me sane. Also, thanks to all the guys on cadre I've worked with over the past 3 years, especially Drew and Rob, there were a lot of long days, but I learned a lot. There is no more honorable profession than that of military service, I am extremely proud to serve my countrymen and I respect all of you who have chosen the same path. I also want to thank the people that always made it easy to come home. John, I have always respected your loyalty, dedication, and strong faith; you will succeed in whatever life brings your way, thanks for always having my back. Matt, your personality is one of a kind; use it as a means to achieve your ambitions, personally and professionally, thanks for all you've taught me. Mom and Dad, you've always supported me in everything I have done and have raised me on the principles of hard work, moral character and loyalty, all of which you both exemplify, there's nothing more I could ask of you. I have learned a lot about myself in the last four years at VMI and I have no regrets. God, Family, Country.

2004: Sean Duggan
2010: Paul Wojtas



Kathleen M. Krenzel
Chicago, IL
Air Force - Biology



Eric S. Kupper
Reading, PA
Army - International Studies



Timothy F. Labresh
Abington, MA
Navy - International Studies



Jason P. LaCerta
Mahopac, NY

Army - International Studies and Arabic

RDC 2,1; Cadre; Varsity Lax 4,3,2,1;

To my Rats (all of my Rats): Never forget what you learned this year, they were some of the most important lessons you'll ever learn. You have all come very far. Never quit. I'm very proud of you.

To my roommates: Thanks for everything. You guys got me through it all, never left me behind, and put up with me for all this time. Here's to all the great times in the retirement home we had going for 3 years in barracks.

To my friends: A simple "thank you" isn't enough but it will work for now. Here's to all the late nights, long weekends, destroying cabins, hotel stays, and keeping Johnny out of trouble as best as we could.

Most importantly, to my family: Mom, Dad, and Kevin, finishing this is mine as much as it is yours. You endured everything with me and sacrificed to get me this far. I love you and can't begin to thank you enough for everything.

Best of luck to everyone after we're done.

2004: Ray L'Heureux
2009: Remington Adams
2010: Jon Ferro, Dave Padgett



Hershel H. Lackey
Hickory, NC

Air Force - Chemistry

ACS 4,3,2,1; Club Basketball 2; Academic Tutoring 1,2,3

There are few places where friends become family. At VMI over the last four years I've gained a new family; roommates, fellow chemistry majors, and as the year passes our rats. Long after I forget about parades, inspections, football games, and long nights of homework, I'll remember the moments; FCP at Don Tequilas, late night philosophical discussions in the science building, morning PT during STP, shenanigans during dead week, the list of moments could go on forever. My family in Hickory and my family here at the Institute are a much better living history than anything I could write. They deserve credit for my success here at the Institute and every endeavor I've completed the last four years. It saddens me to leave behind such a family, but know if you ever need me I'll be there no matter how far the wind scatters us apart.

2004: Jason Brinkmoeller
2010: Brandon Harding



Carolyn N. Lanier
Virginia Beach, VA
Air Force - Chemistry

American Chemical Society 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 4,3,2,1; CCS 2,1; Theater 2; Club Softball 3

My time here at the Institute has flown by, I came here as a terribly shy and innocent kid and although I may still be quiet, my time at VMI has given me the courage and the strength to stand proud. I could never imagine myself without the lessons I have learned here, and will never regret the choice to attend VMI. To my roommates Blair and Kathleen-you have been my foundation. We've had lots of great times together, from the late night conversations, the trip to the beach, Ring Figure, and painting pottery. When I think back to our years together, I remember two things, the constant laughter and trying to remember to take pictures. I can't wait to see what life after graduation brings to us. To my chemistry buddies, we've definitely had some fun over the years. How could I forget all the countless hours in New Science trying to figure out Doc's homework and the cram sessions before Analytical. I'll always laugh when I think of the ACS propaganda, and of course Hershel Hayes, the Potion Master. We had some strange late night conversations, and we definitely had some of the most entertaining professors out there. Good luck to all of you! To my family and Eric-I would not have made it through VMI without the understanding and the love you have given me. I know not all of you understood my reasoning for attending VMI, but you never doubted me. Dad and Eric, thank you for pushing me through the rough times. You both have helped me to see the light at the end of the tunnel and have listened to my countless hours of complaining. Although I may not have always liked your advice, your words have always been right and pushed me to succeed.

I'm amazed it's all over, but look forward to the future. I know the class of 2007 will excel in all they do. God Bless the Institute and the class of 2007.

2004: Jillian Hafer
2009: Catherine Kirby 2010: Beatrice Charles

Class of

Jason



Potion Master, H-bomb, Nut



Caroline, Harry Potter

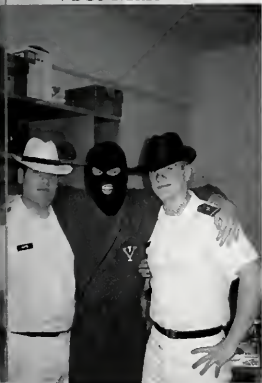




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VBS3 Man



Before anything else, I want to thank my family, especially my parents for all of the love and support they have given me throughout my life and cadetship. Coming here and having them stand by me the whole way has meant more than I can describe. These past four years have gone by faster than I ever thought they would. To my dykes and the class of 2004, thank you for making rat year "memorable". To all of those who were in the four deuce deuce with me, thanks for putting up with all of my shenanigans. To the guys of 317, thank you for getting me through third class year. I know that things got messed up this past year, and I'm sorry for that. Know that I harbor no ill will, and wish all of you the best in the future. To Mike, Joe, and Hershel, thank you for making my last two years as good as they could be. 2nd class year was amazing with Ring Figure, and only got better when Mike went to Lithuania. Thank you to everyone who has made my last year here a good one, from trips to Ohio and Va Beach to FCP's at Don Tequilas, and the many excursions to Malones and the Palms. This year has been about as good as this place will allow. To all of our rats, you've been pretty good this year. Hopefully we've taught you something useful while you've been around. I'd give you the same advice I have all year, but I don't think I'm supposed to make such heretical statements in here. Make sure and take care of Old Man Harding when he's gone, his hearing's getting bad and he can't get around as well as he used to. Finally to Bravo Company, we won rat challenge and have been kicking ass ever since. Thank you for being the best company I could ever hope to be a part of. Good luck to everyone in the real world, I can't wait to come back and be old and fat and have a beer with all of you. Ok I'm out... YAHTZEE !!

2004: Wes Smith
2010: Logan Swanson

Swimming Team 4; Power Lifting Club 3; TGMS 3; Arnold Air Society 3,2;
IEEE 4,3,2,1; Racquetball Club 1

Can anyone speak the name John Lento without being assaulted by memories of near fatal experiences and his incredible influence over the human mind? All who know the man know how powerless you are to his will. Like soft clay the master molds into a tool for his use, so too can John Lento mold the clay of men. Forged in the flame of a ratline unlike any other John will not tolerate doubt or concern and never takes counsel of his fears (if he has any). Rambunctious and loud are terms that can only begin to describe my mere encounter with master Lento. Four years is only a flash of time while in his presence. A flash of time all will remember. His mark left on the Institute is distinct and lasting, and the bellows and coals of the ratline shall never again forge such a man. Thank you VMI, thank you.

2004: Brian Trueblood
2010: George DeCennaro

Football 4,3,2,1

I would like to thank my dykes for helping me learn what VMI was all about. Last, but not least, to all of my boys Eric, Garrick, Keith, Pat the 604, all of my boys from football. I can honestly say VMI was not that bad of a school I guess cause I am mentally tougher than most of the kids here. VMI will never understand how much shit I and the rest of the crew got away with in the last 4 years. To all the times of rollin out, getting drunk and "running the block" haha. I think the funniest moment ever was the time me, Tommy and Ed rolled out one day 3rd class year and I almost died! Last, but not least, I would like to thank my wonderful girlfriend who has provided ample support for me. I love you Karli. Its been a long road, but we have finally made it.

2004: Tommy Walton, Harrison Gregory, Brandon Boor and Dave Loeffler
2010: Frank Keeney, Christian Kelly, Ben Brandt



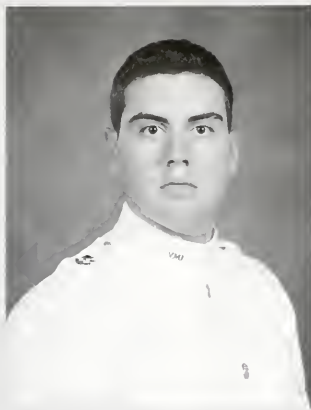
Matthew S. Leary
Richmond, VA
Air Force - History



John M. Lento, Jr.
Pittsburgh, PA
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Charles P. Liesfeld, III
Richmond, VA
Army - Economics /Business



John M. Limauro, II
Andover, MA
Army - History



Shian-Juin Lin
Taipei, Taiwan
Air Force - Economics and Business



Charles A. Litz
Centreville, VA
Army - History

Corporal 3; Study Abroad 3; Ice Hockey 3,2,1; OGA .5; Sigma Tau Delta 1; Phi Alpha Theta 1

Well the road was long and it wasn't always fun, but with the help of the hockey team we managed to get in as much trouble as we could and not get arrested, except for James, of course. John, Matt and Mike one word...Ballin. And remember Grab it and Run its only ECU. Iceman and Shannon the only good things in '05 and in the Army. To '06 for teaching us everything we know. DJ Halloween Weekend at Tech. The Apt which made first semesters Thursdays, boy we ruined that. Jay the disaster we call our Army Career is just beginning. To everyone at the Cabin you all still owe me about \$700 which is more than an airplane ticket to Eastern Europe I checked. Hockey Weekends and the loyal crew that rolled. Ham Sandwich, Gold and Silver and the tattoo place our local favorites. B-Card, Frank, and Nate you're my boys don't do anything I wouldn't do next year...that's up for interpretation also. So I'll end with a Mark Twain quote an old friend told me once that sums up the last four years, "Don't let your education get in the way of learning."

2004: Vance Eaton
2010: Leonard Weschler

Charlie Company Corporal 2; Regimental Color Sergeant 3; First Battalion XO 4; CIC of the International Club 4; Cadet Investment Group for a semester

I will definitely miss this place. Four years in the U.S have made me grow and learn a lot. I still remember the very first day of hell week. I did not know how to speak English and my rat year roommates taught me how to speak English until 2 AM after the exhausting first day of the ratline. I traveled a lot in the U.S and I am sure VMI is the only place that I will never forget, partially because this place has always turned my stomach around whenever I come back from breaks. I will always remember that "we can be whatever we resolve to be" as this sentence was the drive that pushed me and changed me from a foreign student who did not know how to speak the language to a cadet captain, and from a student who had a 2.5 GPA to a first classman with academic stars. I know the roads in front of me are going to be very tough. However, I will always be encouraged by simply looking back at what I have been through in these four years. I will always be proud of my country as well as VMI.

2004: Jen-Yu Wu
2010: Yu-Wei Chang, Chien-Chun Lin

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 1; The Drive 1; Academic Mentor 2,1

Four years, and we're about to leave this place. It seems like the day when we would leave VMI as alumni would never get here fast enough. Thankfully, it has, and we won't have that feeling of depression when driving down Letcher Avenue after furlough. It has been one heck of a roller coaster ride. The memories made will never be forgotten, nor will the friends that were made; THE CORNER, the drive, the dead end, the basketball games, all great memories. Steve, Worth, Stu, and you too Marc, it wouldn't have been the same if it weren't for you guys. We certainly had our fair share of good times...even if one of us blacked out (Steve). To all the lax players, we certainly had a great time. So, let's head to Goshen, drink some beers and get naked, cause we're out of here!

2004: Sean O'Donnell
2010: Brett Leonard

Class of

Ballgame



Linny



Daddy, Falex, Lititz





Ernesto



Michael



Verdugo, Lopez El Pesado



Maddog Delta 4,3,2,1; IEEE VMI Chapter 2,1; Fencing Team 3,2; Body Building Club 1; International Club 4,3,2; AAAA 2,1 Color Sergeant (2) Dean's List (4,3,2)

Graduation from VMI is another beginning and these four years of my VMI cadetship have been beneficial to me and will continue to be. I wish to keep what I have seen and learned from this remarkable journey, and fulfill those I did not get to experience as well. To my parents, my brother, and the rest of my family, thank you for being there for me and your unwavering supports through these years. To the officers at the Chinese Naval Academy and TECRO, thank you all for granting me the opportunity to study at VMI. I have owed my country so much and finally the time to pay it back has come. To all my EE professors, faculty, staff, and everyone in the VMI family, thank you all for the education you have offered and everything you have done for us. To Mrs. Yen, Mrs. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. Fusick, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chang-lu, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Prugh, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tu, thank you all for your hospitality and introducing me to the amazing American culture while I have been away from home. I wish someday you will visit Taiwan, and I will be able to show you my country as well. To my Dyke and Uncle Dykes, thank you for your mentoring and help during my clueless rat year. To my Cadre, thank you all for setting the best example for us and upholding the standard to becoming exceptional cadets. To my rats, I hope you all will take advantages from the days you are about to experience. Study hard and enjoy every good and bad time with your BR's. To the Classes of 2004 to 2010, thank you all for the opportunity that I have had spending these years with you and being able to learn many different things from each of you. To my BR's, Class of 2007, all my friends, roommates, Maddogs, and EE classmates, you all are the most important part of this experience, and I have received too much from you all. I am so proud to have the privilege to know you, to share the ride with you from matriculation day, and I will never forget you all and the bonds we have forged. I wish someday I will be able to make you proud of me as well.

2004: Chi-Wen Ke
2010: Lieh-Hao Wu

Christian 4,3,2,1

To my roommates: I can't put into words how much better you made VMI. We did some crazy stuff and had some fun times together. I apologize for anytime that I may have wronged you and hope that we will keep in touch over the years to come.

To the men of the Honor Court: trials and tribulations will be severe, but those who faithfully work for what is right will be blessed with wisdom.

To the Allison's and the Hyres: thank you for the friendships we've developed through the years. I learned a great deal about life through our times together.

To Elly: thank you for your patience and love. I know you didn't get as much of me as you would've liked over these years; however, I'm all yours now.

To Mom & Dad: thank you for the emotional and financial support. I love you both.

To all: the Lord bless you and keep you...

2004: Morgan Harris
2010: Karsten Bloomstrom, Nelson Page

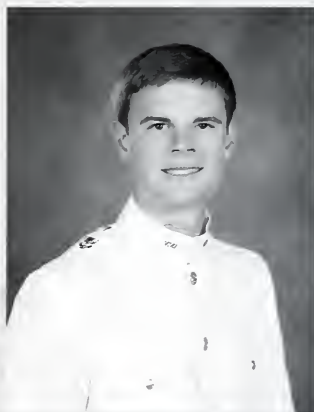
Echo Co PVT 4,3,2,1; Ranger Company 4; Martial Arts Club 3; Cadet Waiter 3,2; Body Building Club 2; Texas Club 2,1; VMI Salsa Dancer 1; Echo Alt Guidon 1; HALO 2,1

As with almost everything I have done here at the Institute, this is being written at the last minute. But, I figured why break tradition, that's what this school is about ain't it? Well, maybe its not. These four years here at the Mother "I" have seen me thru a lot of confinement and my fair share of PTs. But for majority of that I pass the buck to Uber Bruns not waking me for PT. I guess the #3 for intentionally missing a class didn't help to make third class year any better. I have enjoyed my time here at the Institute, but I have enjoyed my time off even more. I cannot express my gratitude to whatever poor soul slaving for the Institute decided to put me into Echo Co. I will never forget my Echo privates as I feel that we have truly been molded into brothers (this includes Pantaleo). While we don't always get along, we always understand each other. Of course, this history cannot go on without mentioning Thomas "One Way" Matthews, my brother from Naples!!!! My experiences with you range from getting my third tattoo and the diaper rash cream to all the Spring Breaks and that unfortunate incident with your POS breaking down in Gainesville. One can never forget our Halo dominance against all opponents 2nd Class year, namely Syko Shea. Now that I see the light at the end of the tunnel, I can say that yes, I do like the Institute and it has taught me a lot. A mis ratones: Ustedes han sidas mi gran orgullo de este ano. Manténganse sus grados porque quiero para ustedes que todas las oportunidades quedan abiertas. Intente de ser el mejor ejemplo para ustedes. Nunca olvides de pensar antes de actuar, nunca hagas las cosas a lo pendejo. Cuidense a uno a otro. Nunca olvidan de mí, que siempre estaré listo para ayudarles. Como les han dicho a ustedes lo mejor que pueden hacer para mí es graduarse de aquí continuando la línea. Duro Y Fuerte Para Siempre... Y QUE NO LLORAN CHINGONES!!

2004: Austin "Tim" Wakefield
2010: Jorge "Puppet" Tellez, Saif-Al-Din Ibrahim,
Vazquez-Mejia "Little Saif"



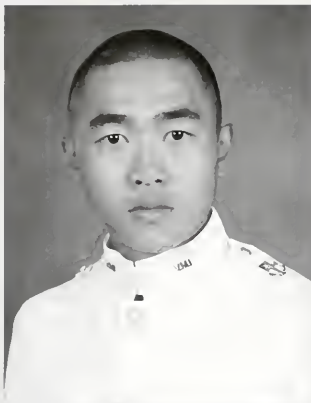
Shu-Chang Liu
Taipei, Taiwan
Navy - Electrical Engineering



Michael D. Lloyd
Saline, MI
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Jose F. Lopez, Jr.
Brownsville, TX
Army-History



Wutthisan Luangjinda
Bangkok, Thailand

Army - Modern Languages/Cultures



Daniel S. Lutterbie

Ross, OH

Air Force - Chemistry



Brittani M. Mack
Janesville, CA

Air Force - Psychology

Delta Co. 2nd Corporal; Delta Co. Master Sergeant; Delta Co. Executive Officer; Vice President of VMI Army Aviation Association 1; Body Building Club 2,1; Basketball Club 3; International Club 4,3,2,1

I have to say that I am extremely honored to be in Delta Company. Thanks to all of the Mad Dogs for the support throughout my whole cadetship. Someday, I will have to change my name to Wutthisan Alphabet Luangjinda. It is quite obvious how I get the name Alphabet. The best part was when the rats tried to memorize my name; all they could do was just making some random noise for my name.

To all the cadre members, from Officers to Corporals, it was my great pleasure working with you all. I have learned a lot from you all. By the way, all the crazy stories, which I've told you, are REAL!!!! JELLYFISH IS EATABLE...

To all the rats of C29... hopefully you have learned something from us. You are on your own now. You will be surprised how quickly time flies. Great job with the ratline, but you still have 3 more years here at VMI, FINISH STRONG!!! and STOP COMPLAINING about life, nobody wants to hear that—believe me.

2004: Thanphisit Phongsai
2010: Daniel Frederick, Danh Nguyen

Alpha Private 4,3,2,1; OGA Alpha Rep. 1; Club Basketball 2,1; College Republicans 3,2; Dean's List; American Chemical Society 4,3,2,1

Four years at VMI have taught me countless things about myself and about life. I now know friendship that most people in the world want but will never find. Looking back it is hard to pull to mind as many bad times as good. One thing that I really can't remember is why I came to VMI in the first place, but I thank God that I did. Nowhere else in this world is like the Institute. I'm sure eventually my entire experience at VMI will be a lump of old happy memories with the bad long forgotten. For these great memories, thanks are in order. First to my parents, thank you for never failing me. Through thick and thin my parents and family have positively supported me during my cadetship. Without their love and support I would not be here today writing these words. To my dykes, thank you for putting up with me and teaching me the ropes of VMI. To my rats, thank you for taking care of me and the dykes. I know you're just starting out and no end seems in sight, but VMI is what you make of it. Enjoy your time here. To Alpha, being in Alpha has been one of the greatest honors of my life. No other company in barracks does it bigger or better. Next, to my brother rats, '07 has a place in my heart that can never be replaced. A better group of men and women cannot be found anywhere. Lastly, to the boys of Alpha '07 and Pete; you are my best friends in the world. You are not even my friends, you truly are my brothers. Not a day goes by where we cannot be found hanging out together. You guys have kept me here at VMI. I can count on you for anything at any time and I know you will have my back no matter what I do in life and I have yours. You all made my time at VMI the best it could be. In the bonds...

2004: Keith Yull
2010: Bob Fendley

Equestrian Club 4; Dance Revolution 3,2; Big Brother /Big Sister 3,2,1; Softball 3,2,1; Psychology Club 1

The road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began
Now far ahead the road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And wither then? I cannot say.

--JRR Tolkien

"God will never give you more than you can handle."

--Author Unknown

2004: Shelley Cox
2010 Kate Lamneck, Michelle Feole

Class of

Alphabet



Scotter, Too Tall, Snotte



Brittani



Rat Challenge Cadre 3,2,1; NCMT Lane Walker 3,2; Glee Club 4,3; VMI Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Rugby 2; Racquetball Club 2,1



Mags



Jon



Tom



Four years at VMI is something that cannot be summed up in a paragraph. I have made so many friends through the toughest and greatest experiences of my life. To my brothers from another mother...AKA Kerkhof and Hopkins, I love you guys! Peace up A-Town! Kerkhof and I should have some good time in Florida though! To my rat, always keep your head up Jake. Always do the right thing even when no one is looking. I know you will succeed! To all of my other close friends, Kyle Wills, Kenny McWilliams, Joshua Prible, Chris Scott AKA SCOOTER!, DOC, I love you all and u will always be with me where ever I go. DOC you better be my wingman!! To my family, thank you for always being there for me when I was down and for keeping me on the right track. I know I will miss all of the good times I have had here such as sneaking alcohol into barracks, guitar hero, learning every song known to man and then dancing to it, getting boned for using Aaron's cell phone, etc. College is a wonderful thing. Good luck to all of my Brother Rats and God Bless all of you.

2004: Danny Hall
2010: Jake Maier

Academic Mentoring 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 2,1; CCS 2,1; Philosophy Club 2,1; Little John 1; Echo Co. 4,3,2,1

First of all, thank you family for always being there. Your support has been most helpful. To my BR's, if any of you ever need anything just ask. Room 167, you guys are the best. Ben, honestly, I don't know who took your shorts. Matt, of all the roommates I have had, I promise that you are the most Jedi-like of them all. To Brian, I could not have asked for a better rat. Keep working hard, graduate VMI, and always remember: Lord loves a workin' man; don't trust whitey; see a doctor and get rid of it.

2004: Tim Nixon
2010: Brian Molina

Cadre 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4; Boxing 3, 2; Power Lifting 3; Body Building 2, 1

Loss for words...

My BR's... my friends, you are the most important thing to me. We have gone through the hardest, craziest, funniest, most miserable experience in the world, and we went through it together with a knowing grin on our face. From Matriculation to Breakout to summer school to late nights studying to late nights doing anything but what we needed to be doing; from Cadre to Ring Figure to the spring breaks to Argentina to First Class Year and every single thing in between. To José, James, Matt, Chris, Shuchang "Ernesto," the Neighbors, Jamaal, Alphabet and Co., and everyone else, Thank you. We've been through it all, seen it all and I will never forget any of it, or how much it means to me. Thank you for supporting me and being there for me as only the truest friends can. I will always be there for you, just show up at my door and there will be a hay ready for you. My parents and my family: thank you for everything. I love you more than I could ever put to words. Thank you for allowing me to follow my dream and go through this love-hate experience, I couldn't have done it without you. I hope I have made you proud. To the best Dyke ever, Peter Burke, thank you. You taught me everything I needed to know to survive here. I hope I've made you proud, even though I broke the Private tradition (sorry about that). Dave, my half-Rat-out-of-Dyke-Line-but-sorta-not-really-and-more-importantly-my-great-friend, I'm proud of you, and I'll miss you. Next year is going to be incredible, just be smart about it. And oh yeah, you know what you are. To my Rat, Kyle, keep your chin up. I hope I have set a good example for you this past year. You are on the right track and you've made me so proud. Do everything that you have been doing and keep charging ahead. Take advantage of everything here, and remember it all, it goes by too fast, trust me. I'll always be here for you. Argentina para siempre.

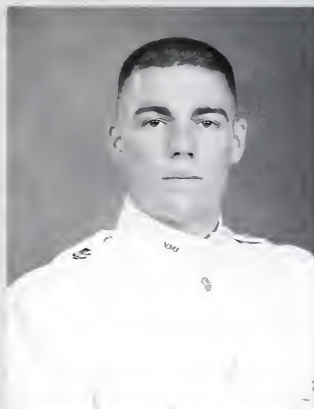
2004: Peter Burke
2009: Dave Radke, 2010: Kyle Jones



Patrick T. Magno
Fishersville, VA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Jonathan R. Marsh
Fayetteville, NC
Army - Psychology



Thomas W. Matthews
Chicago, IL & Naples, FL
Marine Corps - History



Whitney C. Matthews
Flint Hill, VA
Air Force - History & German



Raymond D. Mattia
Freehold, NJ
Army - International Studies



Andrew G. Maxwell
Melbourne, FL
Marine Corps - History

Newspaper 1; English Society 4,3,2,1; TGMS 4,3; Softball 3; German Club 1 (CIC); CCS 2,1 (ACIC); Rat Challenge Cadre 3; Delta Phi Alpha 2, 1;

What an incredible journey this has been. Four years have come and gone so quickly, but they have been full of memories. Each day at VMI has made me a stronger, more confident person and I will be forever grateful for that transformation. Everything that I have accomplished here has been amazing. I leave VMI with no regrets and no bitterness. I know that many doubted my coming to VMI and I know that many did not like me being here, but I have done it. It only made me stronger and more determined, so in a way, I have to thank you. The road less traveled is truly the best one.

My friends have become such an important part of my life and I hope that they realize this: Smalls - Dude, you have been an amazing source of strength since STP; Jenifer - words cannot express; Erin - what a pair we make from dance parties to random talks at 1 am; Catrina - it has been a barrel of laughs and ADD!; Cabby - thank you; Justin - I win!; and to all my other friends - I will carry you in my heart. Good luck to you all!

The support and love from my family has meant the world to me. I am so lucky to have such a supportive family. Dad and Mom - without your endless love and encouragement I would not be the person I am today. Words cannot express my gratitude; Meemaw - thank you, thank you so much; '69 - you understand - thank you.

Good luck Kelly, I know you have the strength within you.

2004: Bree Ann Adams
2010: Kelly Vickery

NCMT Cadre 3; Sprint Football 3; Bodybuilding Club 2; Ultimate Frisbee CIC 1; Young Republicans 4,3,2; FCPA 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Model Arab League 2,1

It seems that the easiest thing to do at VMI is complain. Everyone has done it, some more than others. I have done my fair share, but as I sit here I don't feel like complaining. Only now as I come down to the home stretch can I see what this place has done to shape me and my Brother Rats into men. VMI more than anywhere else is where you know that the grades you receive, you earn, and the friends that you make are the next best thing to family; nothing you accomplish here do you accomplish for free. After going here for four years and watching my high school friends go their respective ways, it is evident that any other college is just a waste of time. If I can offer any advice to the C-31 rats, it would be to not cut corners, keep the faith, always do the right thing, but under no circumstances take yourselves too seriously, because a good sense of humor will keep you alive here and remember what it says in your rat bible, "There is no need to suppose that human beings differ very much from one another: but it is true that the ones who come out on top are the ones who have been trained in the hardest school."

2004: Craig Hamilton
2010: Andrew Adams, Raymond Hutton

Actually Studying 1. Hangin' with L-Train 4,3,2,1

Brother Rats, CLAP CLAP. Brother Rats, CLAP CLAP. It seems like just yesterday we were signing the book in Cameron and now we are graduating...oh wait. What can I say, I absolutely love VMI. I filled out at least three transfer applications per semester and on top of that my roommates never knew for sure if I would return from furlough. My cadetship was put on hold for a year and a half while I deployed to Iraq. Upon returning to VMI I spent a semester in a drunken stupor and yet another semester not studying at all. Regardless of what legacy I may leave behind me here, I know what I will take with me, the friendship of my brother rats. I have learned that real brother rats aren't the ones you matriculated with but the ones who went through the struggle with you. My brother rats do the "right" thing with no regard for institute policy, they do the honorable thing, Tim, Scuba Steve, Moorman (The ZooKeeper), Brad, Eddie "I got shot then blown up" Cook, Panties, Frazier and the hockey guys (Canning, Kania, Schwere). We have had plenty of good times. Until next time, keep it real and think twice about sacking up with anyone that lives in a single wide. Mad Max---OUT!

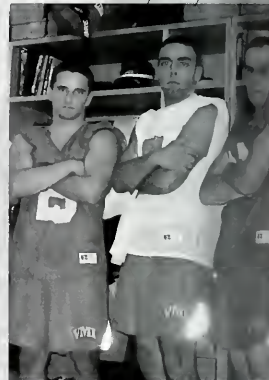
2004: Peter Kent
2010: KerrBear

Class of

Whit



Ray-Ray



Max

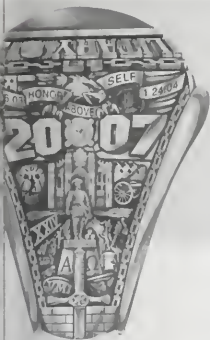


NCAA Cross Country 4; NCAA Track 4,3; Cheerleading 3,2; Glee Club 2,1; VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1; Firefighter 1

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!	God, Who dost still the restless foam, Protect the ones we love at home. Provide that they should always be By Thine own grace both safe and free. O Father, hear us when we pray For those we love so far away.
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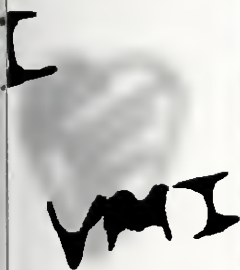
Lord, guard and guide the men who fly And those who on the ocean ply; Be with our troops upon the land, And all who for their country stand: Be with these guardians day and night And may their trust be in Thy might.	Eternal Father, grant, we pray, To all Marines, both night and day, The courage, honor, strength, and skill Their land to serve, thy law fulfill Be thou the shield forevermore From every peril to the Corps.
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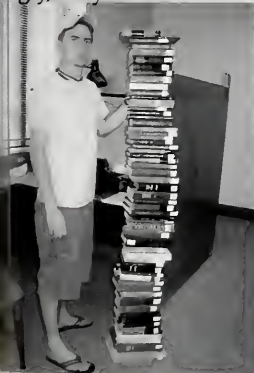
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Jgly, Troy McClure



2004: Mariah Green
2010: Candice Zavatsky

Hockey (3,2,1); Delta Company Platoon Sergeant (Ret.)

I hate this place, I hate with every fiber of my being. I also love it; such is the dilemma of a VMI cadet. This place would be nothing without the people. VMI's soul isn't the honor code, the regimental system, or the class system, it truly is the people. Without these people this place would be nothing, just a pile of bricks crumbling on some god forsaken southern mountain. From the commandant's staff that we love to hate, who we eventually come to know far too well "cough" Cpt. Faust. Our dykes and our roommates, our rats and the under and upperclassmen we come to know well. I know I would not have stayed here without the support of my Dykes, both the first class ones and my rats. Mike Scott you were like my father, and Brandon like my son/kid brother, you both will be sorely missed. Jamaal, Dave, Matt Williams you guys were the best rat roommates ever, despite the stabbings. Burton and Mike Tu you guys made third and second class years bearable. Hunter without you as the example of what not to do first class year could have been horrible. To my SRC thirds, what can I say, you guys make me think thirds might actually know something. To my rats, Brandon, Marlon, and begrudgingly Jarrod, don't make my mistakes, study hard and shine something every once in a while. This place will get you down but it is the people, the friends, the enemies, and that guy that you just say, "Hi" to on the stoop that will carry you through here. They got me here, so I know they can get you there too.

2004: Mike Scott, Brandon Price, George Cushman, Nat Cincalla, Frank Toomey
2010: Brandon Singleton, Marlon Miles, Jarrod Cartwright

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; *The Cadet Newspaper* 4,3,2,1; *Sounding Brass Literary Magazine* 2,1; Club Lacrosse 4,3; English Society 2,1; Big Brother/Big Sister 1; Private 4,3,2,1

*Burn all the candles out
Make a wish, but not aloud
Re-live the here and now
To see you now and then
I'm a revolving door
I've seen it all before
I will begin again*

*But I can't start until I've seen the end
—Foo Fighters "End Over End"*

To the Commandant's Staff—Sandi runs the school. Everyone knows it; who do you think you're fooling?

To the Administration—Yea, I only have 350 words, so I'm going to skip you.

To the Faculty (especially the English Department)—You rule. Enough said.

To my BRs—We laughed, we didn't cry (because, hrm, we're hardcore and that's for wimps), we suffered, we had immeasurable fun, we sweated,

and we bled—and we did it all together. And now, as we go our separate ways, remember, the golf-ball-sized hunk of gold on our fingers isn't important, it is what you did and went through to earn it that matters...that and the fact that we are **FINALLY FREE!!!**

To my family—I can't tell you how much I appreciate your relentless support, even in the face of my constant whining and endless banter about random stuff that, in the end, didn't really matter. Thope I made you proud.

To my rats—You guys are great and I'm proud of what you each achieved. Just keep your heads on straight over the next three years. Get involved with something you enjoy and focus on that. It'll go by fast enough. Other than that, I have only three things I would like to pass onto you:

- 1) "Pain is temporary. Glory is forever. Chicks dig scars."—*The Replacements*
- 2) [WWI Major when asked why he was fighting a war he was against] "Life would be a lot simpler if we could choose our duties and obligations...but we can't, and we shouldn't. And that's why I'm here."—*The Lost Battalion*
- 3) "Prove you're alive. If you don't claim your humanity you will become a statistic."—Chuck Palahniuk

Quidquid latine dictum sit, altum videtur

2004: Jeffrey Hocutt/Donahue
2010: Kyle "What did he do this time? Thiele, Jason "Under the Radar" Bowman



Carrie R. McAtee
Bloomington, IL
Marine Corps - Psychology



Michael J. McAvoy
Alexandria, VA
History



Benjamin T. McClure
Dallas, TX
Enlisted Marine Corps - English

Class of

La Arkansas; Lil-B

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Ranger Challenge 3,2: NCMT 3, 2, Band 4,3,2,1; Alcoholics Anonymous 4,3,2,1

Being at the Institute has been the greatest experience of my life without any equivocations. The reason for my strong feelings is simple; the people. That's the only reason I stayed. I know that I had to leave during the most important year for our class I have missed it due to my deployment to Kosovo and for that I am sorry, but my soul was still there in barracks with all of you, my BRs. To my roommates I must say a special thank you. Jon, you introduced me to the woman of my dreams even if it was by accident and you were always there when I needed to blow off some steam and just party. Danny, I think you always understood me the best. You could tell I was pissed about something before anyone else could, unless of course I was throwing something already. Matt, every day I have missed our quiet times of sitting there laughing over something stupid you found on the internet or remembering that time at King figure helping you puke. That of course was before I got stupid and tried to fight everyone in sight, including myself.....Damn those tricky mirrors and that asshole talking back at me in it. The other numerous memories of the rest of my great friends: Skeeter, Matt, Will, Quincy, Laura, Blair, Pat, Will, Chris and the many others thanks for the great times. I also must thank all the Ranger Challenge guys. We stood there together in the mud with rope burns and sore backs and who knows what else on any particular day and beat the shit out of those other schools. MSG Perdue, you were one of my biggest inspirations, not just militarily but in life in general. My advice to everyone is this: be humble, never arrogant, listen before talking, think before acting, but don't waste time, Authority means nothing, but leadership is everything, honor before self, courage always, your destiny is your own and lastly always be standing by for shit to get stupid.

Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum

2004: Gordy Ruff

2010: Honorary: Cash, McClary, Cooper, Trotman

For more information on Oliver: See, the Cadet

2004: Dan Cragg

2010: Matthew Wilson, Mitchell Messick

Band Company Commander, 1; SGT, Clerk 1,2,3; Semper Fi Society 1,2,3; Bulldog Prep 1,2; Library Circulation Assistant 2,3

Call me idealistic, but I wanted every obstacle VMI ever threw in my way. Along the way, I dreamt big and achieved what once seemed impossible. With every step, however, the tangible success- whether it be rank, ac stars, or another award - seemed to mean less and less. To those that have walked beside me- I can only hope that I have helped you with a step or two along the way. I am truly humbled to know that I had such a supportive network that has helped me reach my goals. First, I need to thank my incredibly selfless parents- you never even considered placing your own interests ahead of mine. I know I won't understand your sense of sacrifice until I'm in your position. Wild Bill- ever since that fateful slip during STP, I have invaded your relatively private life. I only wish everyone was privy the wisdom that lies beneath the silence. Pete- I have this theory that we were put together to balance each other out. Why else would the school's most pragmatic realist live within striking distance of my wild idealism? I need to thank Brian, Steve, Greg, Brad, Elijah, Jon, and Tom- you don't know how much your friendship means. To my EC/BU brethren- your humor kept me going long after I lost interest in interest. To my NCOs - I love you guys - I demanded an awful lot out of you but you delivered beyond my greatest expectations. The good news is- you now have the keys to the craziest, most hilarious, most talented and best damn Company on the Hill. To my Rats: Andy '09, Chris and Cauley- here is my advice: find your passion at VMI, embrace it, be a leader at it, stay positive, and help those around you.

2004: Keith Tate

2009: Andy Alto



Nathan McCall
Benton, AK
Army - History



Oliver C. McElroy
Lexington, VA
Air Force - Modern Languages



Patrick R. McGill
Pittsburgh, PA
Marine Corps - Economics and Business



"Most people do this for fun, but this is my life."



Brian



Rynoceros, Ry-dawg, Hey



MC



2004: Terrell Jackson, Mo Pipken, Porter Brawley

Private 4 3 2 1; POV 4 3 2 1; VIP Room 452, 345, 174, 172; Bojangles 4 3 2 1; Summer School 2; High Ropes 3 2; Bodybuilding 1; Lejeune 4 3 2; EMT 1; EC/BU 4; EE 3; CS 2 1; Lineball 2; Hollins Night of Mayhem 1; Azalea Festival 3; Citadel Brawl 1; UFUS 1;

I remember the moment I decided to come to VMI. I thought to myself: "Self, if you can just make it through that ratline then you'll be home free." Jesus was I ever mistaken. There's nothing worse than coming back from the summer and signing off those confinement checks first thing in the morning – so right about the middle of third class year I was convinced that 16 May 2007 would never arrive. If it weren't for my dad to set me straight with those pep talks and my roommates to keep this hell hole lively, it would have been ten times tougher to stick it out. Thanks to my roommates, BRs, the Jones', and all the cool cats from 06 and 08, my time at VMI has proven to be more than rewarding. Four long years ago I set out to see if I could conquer this place like my dad and my uncle did, and now I finally get to be a VMI graduate. Ol' Stonewall left no doubt about it:

"You may be whatever you resolve to be."

2004: Matt Park, Steve Varanko
2010: CJ Knight

I just want to say that I will miss my friends but not the Institute. I am now heading off to be an Armor officer in the Army until I make Captain. As a Captain I am required to switch to Military Intelligence which will look good if I decide to get out of the army. I am still unsure about a lot of things and I plan on playing things as they come. To my rats: keep a low profile and time will go faster than you think. Thanks to my family. Keep in touch. Ballin'



Brian R. McGuire, Jr.
Brightwaters, NY
Army - International Studies



Ryan A. McLean
Sebring, FL
Army - Computer Science



Kenneth K. McWilliams
Memphis, TN
Army - History

2010: John Sheehan, Jack Evans

Class of



Patrick E. Melshen

Norfolk, VA

Marine Corps - Economics/Business



Anthony M. Menas

Farmington, WV

Army - History



Richard P. Meredith, Jr.

Norfolk, VA

Army - Economics Business

No history provided.

2004: Kenneth Sydnor

Cadre 3,2,1; RDC 2,1; Rugby 4,2,1; Hater 4,3,2,1

The one thing I learned at VMI is to never give up. You not only quit on yourself, but your boys too. My roommates and friends are the most loyal people I know. From Zollmann's to Panama City we had some crazy times. All in all, it was a very good four years. To the one who didn't make it; the extra space was great. To the rats of room 141: rat year you are a rat, third class year you learn the system, second class year you master the system, and first class year you worm. The four years seemed like four minutes, but we weren't here for a long time, we were here for a good time.

2004: Jarod Parker

2010: Alexander Taylor

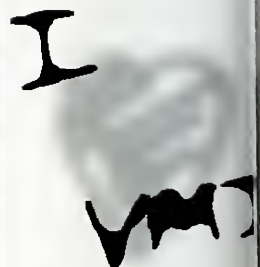
Historian 4; Vice President 3,2,1; General Committee 4,3,2,1; Cpl. 3; Plt. Sgt. 2; S-2 Capt. 1; Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Rat Olympics Champions 2007 - Golf Co; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Master Napper 4,3,2,1

Rich has and always will be a lifelong friend of mine. At the Virginia Military Institute, Rich goes beyond representing the main elements of a true cadet. Known as the "Old Man," Rich redefined the concept of multi-tasking. Whether it was serving as a Class Officer or leading the "scholars of the corps", Rich always served his roles to the fullest extent. When I was usually figuring out a way to break the rules, Rich was cracking open another book for a test three weeks from then. During his cadetship, I believe he officially made Scott Shipp Hall his second home. To his defense, Rich made various W&L visits with me, even during his Rat year. Second class year, Rich graced us all with his classic dance moves as we set up the first VMI dance club. As the biggest worrier I know, Rich always tried to make sure he wasn't in trouble and that everyone was happy. And oh the stories I can tell. Whether it was finding Rich passed out in Cancun by a coconut tree, teaching him how to cut his fingernails properly, or good times at the Alexander Withrow House, there was never a dull moment with "Pooh Bear". Marked as a true gentleman, there is no doubt Rich will succeed in his future endeavors.

Thanks to all those who helped me throughout the past four years: Mom, Dad, Andrew, Henry, Harvey, Nancy-Lee, Col. Bush, and anyone else I have forgotten. Paul, all I have to say is LIIFEE. And, thanks for the Dance Revolution. John, thanks for keeping me sane. To my room mates, you all are and always will be my best friends. Jack, you have become an exceptional cadet over the past year. Keep up the good work; you'll come out on top. I can honestly say that my time at the Institute has been and always will be the most challenging, rewarding, and memorable experience of my life. God Bless.

2004: Brian Douglas

2010: Jack Curtis



Rich, Pooh Bear, Old Man





MIT, Daddy-Dave



Milford, Moleford, Fillmerd



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I still look back and wonder why I chose this place over a beach school with nice weather and loads of ladies. I wonder why my dad laughed at me, my grandma cried and my high school coach was proud of me. Then I look around. I see my roommates, I see my friends, I check my ring for all the battle wounds of heavy drinking it has sustained and understand that I made the right decision. Not to say that I don't have much regret, because there is much I would take back, but there is so much more I will take away from this place and appreciate each moment within these walls. Although wrestling brought me here, friends kept me here. There are too many people to thank that have helped me along the way, especially my roommates who put up with a short guy who had trouble holding down his booze at times. Michael good luck with yourself, I hope you become a great lawyer down in Tennessee after you serve your time with the Marines. Adam you and Susan seem to have things in place for a happy and successful future, I pray you do. Isaac, where do I begin and where can I end. You've been a great friend through a lot of crap, you're part of the reason that I came to this damn. You've been a friend as long as I can remember, from cutting down Christmas trees to hot tub parties in Singers Glen and too many drunken David Metzler mistakes. Thanks, I know you have a lot yet to accomplish and have no doubt you're going to do something big. I hope you and Candace have the life together that you both deserve. To my BRs, good luck and much success to you all, may we meet years from now and still have the bond we began with. To my teammates, I'll be back next year and help in a successful year, but to those who are leaving it's been great and good luck. To my rats, Mike for god's sake please try to keep yourself out of jail and graduate, you are a good guy but damn crazy. Tanner keep looking forward and working hard, I will still kick the crap out of you but you, better keep getting back up. I wish I had more lines to thank everyone, so you know who you are and how much I am thankful for knowing you.

2004: Jason Cox
2010: Mike Hutchings, Tanner Sewell

NCAA Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Army National Guard; First Class Privates Association

Roommate Ray Mattia on Milford..."Andy Milford has been my roommate for two years and I can honestly say that there could not have been a better roommate. Andy's entertainment value alone makes him worth more than damn near any other first classman I can think of. Andy Milford has very few vices. The only one that is painfully obvious is his heinous addiction to sunflower seeds, that and the fact that his area of the room looks like an IED exploded in his wall locker. Moleford gets his joy from the simple things in life, seeds, Coke, meat, and laying the hurt on some rats. Some people say that the car you drive is an extension of your personality: Andy Milford drives a 1983 Pontiac Sunbird. Like Milf, it is crude on the outside, but is infinitely tough and always accomplishes the mission. I am proud to call Andy my friend and Brother Rat; he will make a fine citizen-soldier and is a credit to the Virginia Military Institute."

2004: Phil Cole
2010: Steve Lindley

Varsity Soccer 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Corner 2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1

So it's like 2 hours before this thing is due which is typical of how my work has been done throughout my cadetship. I guess I will go through the years and see where it gets me. Rat year sucked as any rat year does but I do have to say thank you to my three rat roommates who helped me out more than you could imagine and got my ass through that awful yet interesting year. So guys even though we did not stay close, thank you for everything I will not forget it. Third class year was up and down to say the least. Room 301 is the shit and I recommend it to everyone. At the beginning of the year was great but then my best friend and roommate 2-Tone, one of the best people I have met and will ever meet, got kicked out for something we both did. It was one of the worst things to happen to me and I will never forget Tony or the kind of man he is. Next that year me and my other side kicks SteveO and Tommy decided to drink a handle of Sir Francis and get an A1. Second class year was much better than the previous for two reasons. First was ring figure, probably one of the best times I have ever had, that weekend was nuts and we have the pictures to prove it. I just hope they don't show up at the wrong time or place. The next thing was studying abroad in Spain. Just like room 301, I recommend this to anyone and everyone. It was amazing and I wish I could tell you about it, but there is just not enough room. Minus the whole Pneumonia, 3 weeks in a Prague hospital, tube in my back thing, but that is for another day as well. In between years was summer school which I went more than I planned but it turned out to be a great time and the closest thing to a real college experience I have had. First class year in 150 is awesome, completely different than any other (Gotta give a shout out to 150-2, 146, 144, and all the rest that participated in the corner activities). I find myself wanting to tell you every story I can remember but there are too many so I will leave with this. This place has shown me some of the worst decision making and leadership qualities I have ever seen and for that reason I do regret coming here. The way this place goes about things and the things it does boggles my mind and I hope someday I will understand it or fix it. After saying all that the friends, bonds, and stories I have made at VMI are simply incredible and for that reason I do not regret coming here. These guys will be with me forever and it is a really comforting feeling to know, that no matter what, you will always have people there for you to help you and love you for the rest of time. You can do anything in the world with bonds like that and I am confident with both experience and knowledge that no other college can give you this. We will fight, we will live, we will succeed, together.

2004: Ross Davis
2010: Charles "Budge" Hunter



David M. Metzler
Dayton, VA
Army - Biology



Andrew B. Milford
Germantown, MD
Army - English



Edward D. Mills
Virginia Beach, VA
Army - Business/Economics

Class of



Trevor B. Mitchell

Buena Vista, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Rat Challenge 4,3,2; Bodybuilding 1; Timberframing 2,1

Long days and short years; this is how I will remember my experience at VMI. Numerous trips to the backwoods of West Virginia, a summer trip to Myrtle Beach, Corp trips to Richmond and Charlotte, Las Vegas for New Years, extended weekend to Cedar Point, spring breaks to Mazatlan, Mexico and Panama City Beach, Florida, and a short timberframing trip to Boston are all great memories spent with brother rats that I will never forget.

First, I want to thank all of my professors not only for a great education, but for the personal level that was shared. Never have I felt challenged, rewarded, and inspired all at the same time. I want to thank the numerous VMI alumni who financially helped me manage the expenses of the Institute. Because of your generosity I will leave VMI with both feet on the ground and nothing holding me back. I want to thank my roommates for putting up with my attitude. Although I complained a lot, I hope my random comments and southern accent added a little entertainment to the lifestyle. Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to thank all of my family for everything! Remember Mom, as you put it best, "You helped give me those wings; so you will have to accept the fact that I have always and will continue to spread them and fly high". My intentions are pure and I can not be at fault for always wanting to be a perfectionist and do the best I possibly can.

To my brother rats, it has been a pleasure these past four years. I have grown and learned so much from our class parties, trips to the Lexington bars, weekends at "normal" colleges (esp. JMU!), and the late night visits when procrastination was inevitable. We are a unique class and have every reason to raise our heads high in public.

2004: Jake Fauber

2010: Bill Feldmann



William J. Moeller, III

Spring, TX

Army - Psychology

Newspaper 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge High Ropes 3,2,1

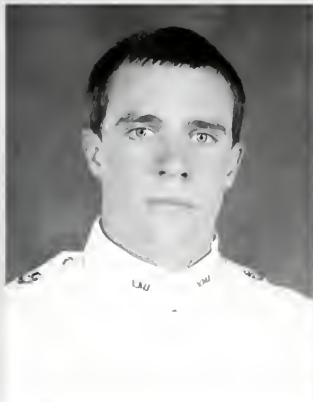
I am truly surprised how quickly time passed by at VMI. This quickness is unfortunate since I have really valued being here. As much as I like my home state of Texas, I am still happy to have gone here instead. I would not want to have spent this time anywhere else.

I am glad for the many people who both helped me get through VMI, and made it quite enjoyable. I will remember the great times with my roommates, Bryan, John, and Jon. I will also remember my rat roommates Chris and Jeff who made rat year more fun than a pain.

These friends of mine helped me to get the most out of this institution. I hope to carry the values with me throughout the rest of my life.

"There are no degrees in honorableness. You either are or you aren't." - Sam Rayburn.

2004: Drew Hardin



Michael C. Moorman

Roanoke, VA

Air Force - Business/Economics

Rat Challenge 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Boxing 3,2; Study Abroad 2; STP CIC 1

The past four years at VMI have been down right ridiculous. I couldn't have made it without the help of my family. To my mom and dad, I love you. Thank you for all the support and encouragement when times were hard. Melissa, do me a favor and send Austin and his brother to JMU.

Canning, Tim, Jake, Brad, Maxwell, Drew, Kania, Schwerer, Hotel Co, EC/BU kids....you guys made this place bearable. I was blessed to have friends like yall. A lot of late nights studying in Scott Shipp and road trips to random colleges will never be forgotten. Let's try to keep most of the stories to ourselves, especially the ones involving me. To all the rats I ever trained, I hope you learned something and never get fat. Randy, thanks for being a dedicated rat; stay tough and you'll be fine. Whitney, I don't know what to say...thanks for being pretty. Oh, and Col Levenson, sure you got me a few times, but what about the other thousand times I got away?

So long and God Bless VMI

2004: Elizabeth Olson

2010: Randy Phillips

T-Rev



Bob

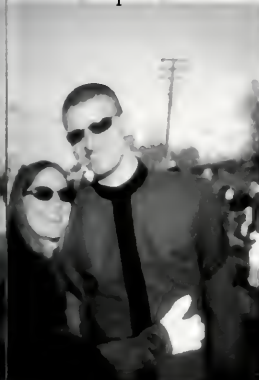


Mad Dog





"Murph"



Moo



Bryan



Academic Mentor 4,3,2,1; Big Brother/Big Sister 4,3,2; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; Martial Arts Club 3, 2; Stonewall Jackson Hospital Volunteer 2,1; 8th Cpl 3; Regimental Color Sgt. 2; 2nd Bat. XO 1

I am honored to graduate with such an outstanding group of individuals such as my Brother Rats. I hope that you all will live healthy lives and lead successful careers in whatever you do. I wrote these poems towards the end of our Ratline in an attempt to motivate myself, although I only halfway succeeded before Cadre kicked in the door. After which, I realized that to seize the essence of VMI within just a poem is nearly unattainable; moreover, I gave it my best shot.

"All these walls"

Conspicuous, yet concealed
These walls yield many an Iron Men.
The walls alone persecute the weak;
But the strong strive to survive in
Such a "pleasant abode" as The Institute.
As a morbid dream, this place—
Seems only to be for the winged, thus
Makes men from boys.
And now, better than then;
always seems to be the way.
This place is obscene to hell,
when compared to hell.
Though many fail — '07 will prevail.

"By means of mere words"

In peril nay destruction,
The Institute never sways.
By God's grace, we will stay.
Captivating arches, named after great lead-
ers
A spectacular event of camaraderie—
Gazed upon in disbelief by outsiders:
Brotherhood, Honesty, Integrity —
And without, The Institute
Would surely never see another day
Pay on to another day.

2004: Jason Daniels
2010: Donte Brown, Lance Hindle

Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; The Corner 2,1

I first and foremost want to thank my family and ask for all the support they have given me throughout my four years at VMI. Without you guys, I would not be where I am today. Love ya'll. Next, I want to thank VMI for allowing me to meet so many great people throughout the years. For all you guys in the corner, it's been a good time, you guys made this place as fun as it could be, love all you guys. For my roommates Ed, Jack, and Tommy, thanks for all the help fellas, you've been there for me through the good and the bad, don't know how I could have made it through living with anyone else, ya'll are my best friends, love you guys. To my coaches and Donny White, thanks for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to play basketball at VMI. It was a good run, I'll miss it, love you guys. To all my teachers and Mrs. Hodges, thanks for all the help and extra time you guys devoted to me so that I could make it through, you challenged me every day and I thank yall for that. Lastly, I want to thank VMI for changing me for the better, wouldn't trade the last four years of my life for anything. I'm proud to be from VMI and I'm proud and thankful to be a part of the VMI family.

2004: Tommy Walton
2010: Jarred Cradock

Rat Challenge 3,2; Strength and Fitness 2

Despite all the complaints I have about VMI, it was the right place for me. The environment at VMI allowed me to excel to a point I never thought I would be able to reach. The professors and academics at VMI are amazing. The NROTC cadre are some of the best and most professional I have seen and serve as examples for future Naval officers. But most importantly, the friendships I have made here will last a life time. I would not trade anything for the friends I have made and will always have.



Nathanael B. Murphy
Harriman, TN
Air Force - Psychology



Matthew R. Murrer
Richmond, VA
Army - Economics and Business



Bryan P. Nelson
Virginia Beach, VA
Navy - Biology

2004: Ross Garnett
2010: Robert Stockman

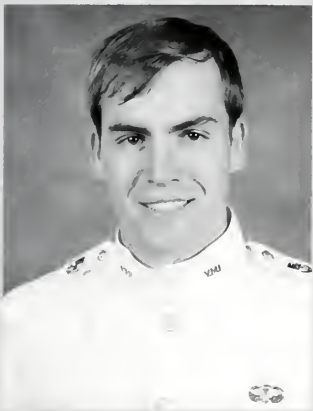


Christopher S. Nelson
Midlothian, VA

Army-International Studies/Spanish



Vincent T. Noel
Chesapeake, VA
Air Force - English



Troy R. Nold
Glasgow, VA
Army-International Studies/
Modern Languages

Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; Club Soccer 2,1; Sandhurst 3,1; AROTC BC; OGA Sec 1; Theatre 4,3,2; Reg Clr Cpl 3; BN Clr Sgt 2; Natty G 4,3,2,1; Fencing 2

As Chris' co-dyke, I will write his history as I remember it. In room 117 where I got to know him best Chris started out as a little bit of a spaz...ok a lot of bit of a spaz, but he soon adjusted to the VMI way of life, and excelled during the ratline never being half-assed in anything I saw him do. Our dykes left, save one, and Chris was a semi-proud Echo company private. Soon a colors corporal position opened up and Chris made the first big mistake of his cadetship. Chris would not return to Tiger Echo until his 1st class year as OGA secretary. I'm leaving Chris' transition to the dark side out of his history because it's a time most of us would like to forget. As OGA secretary, Chris upheld the standard in an organization whose professionalism was in question. Since I have known him Chris has endeavored to excel in every aspect of his life; he has grown into a fine leader and will make a vital contribution to the US Army.

A few of my own memories: Operation Liquid Victory, CBB - Combat Beer Badge, Rat Brown's - "I have an announcement" speech, NG Drill parties, The Sandhurst After-Party, Ruckin', Adventure Races with Sal and Cory, Blue cord, Costa Rica w/R.Dog 16 and the King, Getting out of the first 3 graduation parades, The Gray Ghost, JMU, Tiger Echo, BR's, MS III FTX, Skookums, Jumping into the chute truck, The Drive In, Robertson's Rodd-en-bury song, Walking in a permit in OCWB at 2400 to L-Train with the roomies. Everything Army - and getting branched Infantry.

2004: Chris Russo
2010: Jacob Robertson

Bravo Cadre: 3,2; Bravo First Class Private and Guidon: 1; Bravo Platoon Lt.: 1; English Society (President): 4,3,2,1; Sigma Tau Delta (President): 3,2,1; Captain of the Jolly Roger: Forever; Dragons: 2,1

First of all he is a man of multiple identities- some know him by his alter ego Tyler, but most of us know him for who he truly is... Vince Noel- a man of extraordinary wit and humor, but most of all Captain of the Jolly Roger. He thumbed his nose at the extremists in Colorado Springs to join the ruffians here at the mother l. As a rat his name became synonymous with not only Christmas carols but the big man down at the IT department, who unlike Vince decided not to stick it out. He soon learned the deceptive ways of Sweet Briar ladies, which would ultimately leave Vince spending many a lonely night at VMI during rat year and naked dashes. Third class year he joined the ranks of Bravo Company cadre were his sharp wit and intellect stupefied many a rat. He continued to test the waters at Sweet Briar proving that he didn't learn from past experiences, eventually leading to his blacklisting from this small women's college. Vince's stint on cadre only lasted until the end of first semester second class year when he was banished from the fourth stoop for canceling Christmas and participating in the ancient tribal tradition of smashing lights. Dropping his ring off the second story of the Red Roof Inn was only a premonition of things to come. The end of second class year presented him with his one true vice...Kerriane O'Connell. Vince surprised all his roommates with an engagement announcement, and for all we knew the freewheeling life of Vince Noel was over. The true test to Vince's spirits came first class year and living with the legendary B.L.O.B. He truly refined his oratory skills during this trying time. "If you can't beat him, then join him" was Vince's mentality, and so he assisted the B.L.O.B. in the destroying/disappearance of VMI property. Celebration was a cornerstone of his first class year. Stamp twice and say Here! Here! For French 75's, Top Gun, and pilot wings- "pass the beer to the rear of the squadron." Vince is going to make one hell of a pilot, but no matter how good he is he'll still look funny in an ascot.

2004: Slava Kirillov
2010: Travis "Triple Threat" Travis, Brandon
"Stratznasty" Stratz

Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Timmins-Gentry Music Society 3,2,1; Ranger Challenge 3,2; Marathon Club 2,1; Croquette Club 1; VMI Ski Team 1; English Society 1; Philosophy Club 1; Red Dragons 4,3,2,1; Jolly Roger 2,1; MOP 1; Honorary Sigma Tau Delta 1

Troy Nold arrived at VMI a bit too intellectual from the get go. Frequently described as a "Space Cadet" by his Cadre and dykes, he was nevertheless loved by all. Unfortunately, they simply mistook his contemplation of Jean Paul Sartre's existentialism for a lack of focus. An expert at all forms of animal mating calls (with gift for imitating a giraffe in muck) he successfully survived the antics of C-28 and Nasty Nate Cincala.

Third class year, he aimed high, with not only Ac Stars, but the rank of Color Corporal - which was somewhat perplexing given his dedication, or lack thereof, to the job. Coincidentally, this was the same era when he joined the hooah Army and the elite Red Dragons of the 29th ID. He sailed to UVA with another member of the Jolly Rogers, where they unearthed a key component of the Truth, thought lost to mankind for a millennium.

Second class year, Troy began to live with the B.L.O.B.... enough said. He mapped uncharted territory at Washington and Lee, where he made the startling discovery that being an absolutist is really not that bad of a thing. Ring Figure came and went, and Troy has worn his ring twice, max. He does not partake in the consumerist orgy, and he objects to dogs on chairs.

First class year he was hounded by the B.L.O.B. continually, although he never could defend against the accusations that he did not read the Atlantic. As the year progressed, Troy actually left our peaceful world, and started living in Troy Nold Funland, where peyote grows in every front lawn, there is a revolution to be fermented every day, in every community, and the world is populated by crazy Indians, men who turn into ravens, and immortal beatniks. Troy will soon be in the Army, probably supplying arms and training revolutionaries in some South American backwater, which is completely contradictory to the lyrics of CCR's "Fortunate Son." Wherever he goes (which is completely unpredictable), and whatever he may do (even more unpredictable), he will always have his inquisitive mind and warm heart.

2004: Nate Cincala
2010: Jonathan Nelson "Dumptruck"

Class of

Chris



Vince, Artie, Flyboy



Nizzle, Croy





ck, ChuckTeasy, Chuck T



LT, O'Brizzo



c, Ozzy, Van Bjanek



To the people closest to me and those that I care the most for, we all know nothing I say here can encompass my sincere gratitude and appreciation for you all. I would like to give special recognition to my loving parents; Anthony & Edna; my siblings; Amaka, Tony and Chichi; Extended family; Angela, Randall, Ayanna, Angel; My roommates; Mike, Josh, Robbie, Sean; Fred my brother from another mother; The soccer guys; Coach Ross; The Allison's...and to the numerous other people not mentioned here by name that have touched my life in countless ways...Thank you.

If there was one piece of advice that I would give to those still at VMI, it would be to realize that things will NEVER be as they are in THIS moment...just think about it. So, I'll leave you with this:

"Be happy, young one, while you are young and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment. So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless." Ecclesiastes 11:9

2004: Hamilton Bice

2010: Tony Nweke, Kris Ware, Josh Bryant

Marathon Club 2,1; VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1; Rugby 2; S-2 staff 3,2,1; Ac Stars/Honors Program 4,3,2,1; Timmins-Gentry Music Society 3,2,1; Ac Mentor 3; Big Brothers Big Sisters: 3

Four years at VMI and all we've got to show for it is 300 or so words each. Regardless of what others might say, it does not feel like yesterday that I signed the matriculation book. That feels like a lifetime ago, and the blood, sweat and tears of me and my brother rats along the way could easily fill volumes. I have found my time at this Institution to be a constant struggle and mostly an unpleasant experience. My time here was not spent taking weekends to get away to drink and party, but in weary hours over books, running endless roads and under heavy stacks of iron. But even here at the bitter end I cannot but feel proud of this flawed place and our ability to succeed here. Luckily for all of us the "end" of graduation is just the beginning of the rest of our lives. I pray for all of us that the best is yet to come. I know there are those among us who will change the world and make the history books. To all my roommates over the years (Liam, Mike, Chris, Ben, K2, Clay and especially Grant) thanks for putting up with me. I learned a lot from each of you and together we made this place bearable. To my rats, Laird and Daniel, you are both great men and I know you will succeed as you follow God's will here. To all those who spent most of their time here studying, working out, keeping themselves looking like cadets instead of a frat boy and being the best they could be, congratulations. Your diploma will mean much more than those who slid through here doing the bare minimum even if it says the same thing.

2004: Ryan Consaul

2010: Laird Bryant, Daniel Welsh

Unauthorized POV 4,3,2; Baseball 4,2; Library Cadet Assistant 3,2,1; 2007 Treasurer 3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2,1

"So, was it worth it? I don't know yet... but I do know that I had more fun at this place than most, and I'm thankful for all the friends and good memories I am leaving here with. Frisk, Creek, Pierce, Cash, Graham: we definitely made the last four years about as RAW as possible. Memphis, Massachusetts, Charleston, PSU, V-dub, Tech, JMU: we dominated them all. Thank you all for making the 'I' bearable, and for the crazy weekends at every other normal college in Virginia. Michael: Roommates for four years... Thanks for being a great guy and good luck wherever you end up. Adam: Have fun down in Houston. Thanks for being a great friend, and a fellow VMI liberal. Dave: What can I say, we've been friends forever. Good luck next year, and keep in touch. '454': best rat room in barracks, thanks for making the first year a good one fellas. Kenny: work hard, play hard, and don't let the bastards grind you down. Thanks to my family for support through it all. Love you all. And to everyone else: good luck in whatever you do, and stay in touch."

2004: Greg Sturz

2010: Kenny Green



Charles C. Nweke

Virginia Beach, VA

Air Force - Biology



Liam T. O'Brien

Lancaster, PA

Army - International Studies, Arabic



Isaac G. Ostlund

Singers Glen, VA

Air Force - Computer Science



Addison T. Palanza
Wilmington, NC
Army - English



Travis W. Pantaleo
Marlboro, NJ
Navy - History



Stephen B. Partin
Enon, VA
Army - Economics /Business

It's been a wild ride. I've learned a lot. The Hard Way. Every time. The Hard Way. I guess I haven't been that great of a cadet. I've had a love/hate relationship with the Institute, but it's no secret that a man can't make it through without his friends. I'm no different in that respect. To all the boys, you know who you are. Parties at the rock skipping spot, hangin' out with Tim, or just getting stupid in barracks, I wouldn't trade it all for the world. Without you guys, I wouldn't have known a college experience. To my roommates, Yohe, Chi, and Benson, I love you guys. Plain and simple. I absolutely could not have made it without my brothers. I think the years with my teammates on the soccer team speak for themselves, particularly my classmates, but everyone of you has a friend in me for life. I'm going to miss those antics. And, of course, my rats- Jose Andueza ('09) and Gil Mercedes ('10). I don't want to spoil you or anything, but you fellas made my life a lot easier when you weren't making it harder by stashing empty bottles in my room or having just a bit too much fun. Both of you are going to do well at VMI if you just continue the way you've been going. I appreciate everything you've done for me, and remember that long nights out in Scott Shipp never hurt anyone. Thank you to everyone who has helped keep me in this place no matter how hard I tried to get kicked out. Some of you I can never thank, but you know who you are. Mom, Dad, Mick, Maya, and Dav; I love you. I know I never shut up, but this time words just don't do it. Beth, you can never know what your shoulder has meant to me. And last but not least, Ed Griffith. I'll see you back at the beach. It's been a wild ride.

2004: Brandon Smith
2009: Jose Andueza 2010: Gil Mercedes

Waiting to get out of here: 4,3,2,1

Travis' career at VMI started because he is a man of his word. We were best friends in high school and junior year I made him promise that if he didn't get into the Naval Academy he would come with me to VMI. He has held a grudge ever since. I remember during STP he saw a barracks room for the first time and his dad asked where the @\$\$! his bed was. During the ratline Travis did well and endeavored to perform to the best of his ability; he had and still maintains an excellent relationship with his dyke. He had some rough times, but he never once turned his frustration or anger against a brother rat. I can honestly say that in the past 7 years, I have spent more time with Travis than I have with my own family, so I think I can say this about him: Travis is one of the most selfless people I have ever met, I probably owe him hundreds of dollars, and he never hesitates to let me mooch more. He is reliable, true to his word, and a natural leader (even though he is a ranker), and as I prepare to enter the Army and he the Navy, I can truly say that I will be saddened on graduation day to finally part ways with my best friend, brother rat and family member.

2004: Michael McLaughlin
2010: Christopher Mendillo

Varsity Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group (CIG) 2,1

Ummmm... yeah well just want to say thanks to everyone (you know who you are). I wish everyone the best and can't wait to get together as old farts. The last few years with Ghetto and the Block Party has been a blast and will do anything for you guys. Rats, look out for each other and have fun cause it flies by. And I'm out!

Class of

Addison



Panties, Grandpa, Pancake



Steve-O



Lacrosse 4,3; Club Lacrosse 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Fundraising Chairman 2; Undergraduate Research 2, 1



e, Bobby P, Paynetrain



Tom



P'ski, P, Great White Hype



The past four years have been a whirlwind. I don't think anyone can ever say the VMI ever went by too fast. Rather I think that what we can say is that the time we've spent with the friends we've made along the way indeed has. Over the last four years Charles, Andrew, Tony, Lin, Corey, Paul, Curtis, Nate, Alex, Worth and everyone else have become the greatest friends I've ever known. Room 123 was a blast this year, we definitely set the standard for next year. Most importantly I would like to thank my family, without them and their never ending support getting through the Institute would not have been possible. Mom, for always driving me down Rat year and getting me here just before taps. My sisters for putting up with me sleeping on the couch the past four years and my dad for always being there for advice, whether I felt I needed it or not - it was always good and what I needed to hear. I'd like to thank Gramps for helping set me out on this path, for being my best friend. Finally but certainly not least, I'd like to thank Grandpa; a finer role model I could not have asked for.

To my Rats: Jesse & Mike, this year was great. We definitely had a lot of great times in the room. Keep strong, both of you have incredible paths ahead of you here at VMI and beyond. Therefore the best advice I can give is to never give up hope in the face of adversity. I wrote these words Rat year and the message has truly touched every aspect of my life since putting pen to paper.

The greatest gift you can give someone is hope; to instill hope in someone is a truly noble virtue. To inspire them to reach into the depths of their very soul and conjure that last bit of strength to continue on, to persevere, is not only a noble virtue but a gift from God; a blessing on mankind that all other men will look towards in times of peril for guidance and comfort, inspiring them to continue on even amidst the most dire of situations.

2004: Todd Wynn
2010: Michael Louthan

Marathon 2, 1; OGA 1; NCMT 3

So many things to mention, but so little space. Rat year with Sutliff thinking Daly was the sink and then the confidential stamp during cadre time. Third class year starting my running career, the trip to Radford and James met Marilyn Monroe, trips to Matt's house, Matty killing Olympus, and the start of the Matt and Tom Show, the best show in Barracks. Second class year getting the ring, running my first marathon, running my first ultramarathon, running my second ultramarathon, late night online convo's starting it all, Matty being on confinement with 79 demerits, another trip to Radford (sadly no Marilyn), Matt not knowing if Hellen Keller was known for being deaf or for being blind. First class year with schematics, stupid sayings on the board, Matt needing his car jumped, Matty still being on confinement and beating us all up, Scott knowing it all and Fletcher fighting the broken ATM, and James's Mardi Gras weekend.

"I sent the club a wire stating, PLEASE ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION. I DON'T WANT TO BELONG TO ANY CLUB THAT WILL ACCEPT ME AS A MEMBER." - Groucho Marx

2004: Tim Felts
2010: Fletcher Thompson, Scott Delo

Club Basketball 4,3,2,1; Fifth Stoop Rat 4; Sprint Football 3; Arnold Air Society 4,3,2,1; Bloodmobile 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 1

First off I'd like to thank my brother rats for the experience of a lifetime. Despite the fact we hated pretty much every aspect of life, we survived to tell some of the greatest stories and share some of the greatest moments in our lives. It's been truly a blessing. I'd like to thank my professors as well for helping me realize that to achieve you must put forth your full potential. I started a little late but I'm here in the end. And most of all, thank you to my family. Mom, Dad, Erica, Mema, Grandpa, Shep, and everyone else who supported me through this road less traveled, thank you all and I love you. Without you, I would not be who I am and where I am today. It's been a rough path but one I would not trade for anything in the world. Thank you all and God Bless.

2004: Kenny Sydnor
2010: Charles Crowder



Robert J. Payne
Annandale, VA
Air Force - History

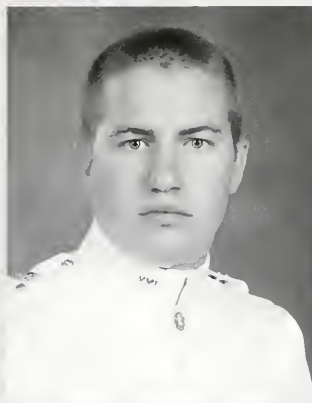


Thomas J. Pepka, III
Pittsburgh, PA
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Michael L. Peranski
Glen Allen, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

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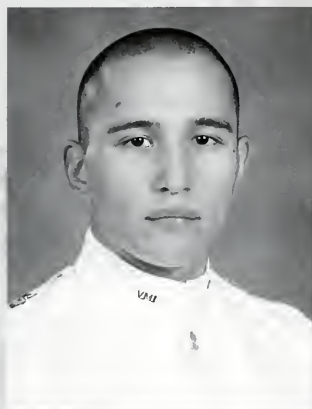


**William C. Perry
Buchanan, VA**
Army - History

The past four years have been full of interesting experiences and I made some amazing friends as well. To those friends I want to say thanks for all the dumbass ideas that materialized into some fun times and may we never grow up and act our age. Worth, I'm glad you made it back alive from Radford that fateful snowy Sunday; off for four years and witnessing you play chicken with and eventually punching out a school bus doing 45 MPH down a hill, that I was the one who finally injured you. To Michael, I'm not your enabler. You are a drunk on your own. I also want to acknowledge a couple people at Roanoke College and the good times had behind the Craig Mart.

To my family and friends at home, I couldn't have made it this far without your love and support, thanks for everything

2004: Timothy Price
2010: Ryan Stull



Michael G. Pesano
Springfield, VA
Army - International Studies

Corporal 3; Platoon Sergeant 2; Battalion XO 1; Ranger Challenge 1 2, 3; Cadre 2; RDC 1

Michael Gary Pesano was created on an unknown day in 1985 as part of a secret North Korean super-soldier project. Using the Greek legends of Atlas and Hercules as blueprints, the Koreans composed him of rock, kevlar, and Mao Ze Tung's personal copy of "The Communist Manifesto". After infiltrating the United States and implanting himself in Northern Virginia, Michael, or The Pesano as he now called himself, threatened a homeless family into acting as his parents. Seeking the nations military secrets, he enrolled in the Virginia Military Institute and quickly reported the highest secrets of the Virginia Militia (unorganized) back to the Motherland. However, he soon encountered the American rival test project, Liam Gilroy, and the two gained a grudging respect for each other. It was this respect for Gilroy and his sidekick that evoked the first pro-American emotion in Pesano. Soon, he began thinking perhaps other people have interests beyond smashing things? Confused about this, as well as other strange, new feelings he was having in his new male-majority environment, Pesano cleared his head by smashing things. This would birth his famous quote of wisdom, Pesano smash! Pesano smash real good! At this point, The Pesano was motivated to write his autobiography, entitled Like a Rock: The Emptiness Inside I Could Not Smash. This was later turned into a feature film called The Incredible Hulk. Disgusted at seeing Ang Lees offensive and unrealistic portrayal of himself as an intelligent scientist, Pesano took to acting. His first role was as Captain Dorn in a live production at the Army Dining In. His next project is a romantic comedy co-starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Clive Owen. He will play their love interest. Some of his long term goals include learning how to crochet, win a spelling bee, and learn how to love.

2004: Stacey Rostorfer
2010: Scott Owen, Jon Fanelli



Adam Z. Peters
Roanoke, VA
Air Force - Economics/Business

Starting All-Conference Punter 4,3,2,1; All-Round Bad Ass 4,3,2,1; Bitter about VMI 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,1

So I came to VMI with no real knowledge of what I was getting into and was rudely awakened that first day of matriculation, but I made it and I made it in 3 and 1/2 years. I want to thank Cal McCombs for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to come to VMI. Those of you who think/thought being an athlete at VMI made things easier for you...well you're wrong. I made some great friends at VMI. Colby you were a great roommate, Ben and Chase you two were a good addition to the room for the last semester. To the athletic teams work hard on the field and don't get caught up off the field. Football teammates you all made my 3 and 1/2 years as tolerable as they could be. Keashawn hold it down for 07 next year. Barrett hold it down with the kickers and make sure Andy doesn't eat anyone. To everyone else I chilled with good luck with whatever you do. To those who were B!tches and made life miserable "what goes around, comes around". I'M OUT!

2004: Matt Sharpe
2010: Josh Favaro, Kyle Hughes

Boofer, The Boof



The Tank



Big Red



Private 4,3,2,1; 5th Stoop Rat 4; Martial Arts 3,2,1; CEA 2; Dean's List: 2,1; ASCE 2,1



"P-Fife"



Hunter



dog, Grandpa, The Godfather



I've been avoiding having to write this for awhile. Every time I get the nerve up to put pen to paper and construct a draft for my "1st-class biography" I recall my memories of growing up at "The Institute" and the page gets so moist the strokes from my writing tear the sheet apart. Marching in parades for instance, is a memory of mine... along with eating in Crozet, and possibly eating in Crozet after marching in a parade. I think we may have actually marched in a parade in memory of Crozet at some point, but I am not certain since there was so much marching in parades and eating in Crozet. Regardless, my draft is once again moist while my memories run wild, and I truly do believe that it is time to close my window, because it obviously never stops raining around here.

Thanks Mom!

2004: Matthew York
2010 Chris Espinosa

Rugby 4,3; Cadre 3

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped me and supported me through VMI. To the roommates, I learned lessons from each of you, we enjoyed the good times, endured the bad, and there are definitely crazy times and stories I'll never forget. To the other CE guys, after four years of sticking it out and staying up to all hours of the night, we're almost there. Thanks for the help along the way, and here's hoping we all start living the good life of a decent living and eight hours of sleep a night.

To Bravo Company '07, there isn't another company I would have rather been a part of. May it always be Ball Bustin' Bravo.

To the other veterans here at VMI, thanks. I don't think I need to say anything else.

For the guys going into the service, fight the good fight, do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, and try not to become too cynical along the way. We are needed out there. Stay safe, Godspeed, and I'll see you out there.

To my rats and my friends still here at VMI, the Institute is yours. Keep the faith.

2004: Derric M. Borthwick
2010: David Miles

Lacrosse-4,3,2,1 Captain 1, Soccer-3; Corporal 3; Virginia History Society-3,2,1; Big Brother Big Sister 3,2,1; VIP 1; RDC 1; Die hard Red Sox fan-4,3,2,1; Die hard Patriots fan: 4,3,2,1

"Go BIG or go home and home is too far away, so you know what I'm doing" Many thanks to all my friends and teammates over the years, you know who you are, without you this place would not be what it is today. To all my coaches, thanks for all the wisdom and opportunities, I am forever grateful. To my RAT roommates, thanks for all the memories, if you ever need anything, Granpa is here for you. To Sal and Jay, words cannot explain what we have endured together and the good times we shared over the years. I will never forget any of it and look forward to the many more to come. I came to VMI with one brother and am leaving with 3 and I am forever thankful to the "1" and to both of you for this. You guys know what you need to do now, so GO GET IT and just know that I will be right by your side whenever you need me, so hold nothing back. To my family, I thank you for all your love and support over the years, without you this would not be possible. To my Mother, you are my world and I am so thankful for all the guidance you have given me over the years, without you, I could never have become the man I am today; I love you. To Sean, whatever, wherever, whenever, just say the words and I am there, but for now embrace the suck, absorb as much as you can and do great things. To the Class of 2007 "Remember the door we have opened together and do not be afraid of what is behind it". Until we meet again, "For what is a man, what has he got? If not himself, then he has naught. To say the things he truly feels; And not the words of one who kneels. The record shows I took the blows - And did it My Way! See you at the Cross Roads. NO PAIN. T.E.K. I'm out.

2004: Phil Cole
2010: Sean Kennedy



Grant H. Pfeiffer
Bel Air, MD
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Hunter A. Phillips
Lexington, VA
Marine Corps - Civil Engineering



Joseph M. Picariello
Sandwich, MA
Air Force - History

Class of



Clayton W. Piersall
Keller, TX

Marine Corps - International Studies



Jonathan E. Pinkerton
Richmond, VA

Marine Corps - History/International Studies



Tabitha S. Pinter
Belleville, MI

Marine Corps - Economics and Business

Theatre 3,2,1; Big Brother/Big Sister 3; FCA 1; Glee Club 2,1; Timmons-Gentry Society 1; English Club 1; Track and Field 4; Rat Challenge Cadre 3,2,1; Ultimate Frisbee 1; Corporal 3; Guide Sergeant 2; S-7 Lieutenant 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Drill Team 3

Believe what you want. These walls are funny.

First you hate 'em, then you get used to 'em.

After long enough, you get so you depend on 'em.

That's "institutionalized."

Red (The Shawshank Redemption)

I have to say that each day I have spent at VMI I have grown and adapted to changing situations. This has not been the easiest time but I believe that the hardships I have endured here will benefit me long after I leave these gray walls. Everyday I spent here has been a new lesson in leadership and perseverance. I have learned more about myself in these four short years than I expect most figure out in twenty. The friends and companions I have made here through the trials and hardships have been an enormous help to me and our bond will last a lifetime. I would also like to thank my family for their support as I went through this transforming time in my life. I have had to mature a great deal in a short time and I believe I am better for it. I will certainly miss looking out on the Shenandoah Valley, the rolling hills, the cool morning fog during BRC formations, and looking at another spectacular sunrise during the marchdown to the chow hall. But as I go out into the world I realize that there will be other sunrises, and although I will never forget the ones I witnessed here, I am anxious to enjoy the great sunrises of the world wherever they may lead me.

"I hope I can make it across the border.

I hope to see my friend and shake his hand.

I hope the Pacific is as blue as it has been in my dreams. I hope."

Red (The Shawshank Redemption)

2004: Jessica Remick

2010: William Rowcliffe

Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1

Jeb Pinkerton walked through the gates of the Institute on August 16th, 2003 as the man the Institute strives to create. Jeb already exuded the honorable, hard-working, and selfless ideals VMI instills in its graduates. While a cadet he inspired the Corps and as a graduate he will continue to inspire and lead those around him the way he always has.



Clay

Jeb



Tab, Mouse, Pint



C Co PVT 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; BB/BS 3,2,1; Softball 3,2,1; TCFC 3,2; QMD 3,2,1; Cadet Life 2,1; TV Room 2,1; GC Secretary 1; FCP 1

Tab's bubble could take a whole state if she had the choice, yet she was loved by everyone. She was the type to always be there for someone in need and lend an ear for those who just wanted to talk, but to get inside her world you needed bolt cutters and then some. Without her we'd probably never have gone on all the road trips that we did, she was our backbone in all our activities, also known as the girl who never rested. Always busy but always had time for friends and family, a great friend and a great roommate. She may be a little one, but this girl has bite and I think that's why we all love her. She will be missed and we all hope her marine adventures will take her places but will always bring her back home safe. -Mira

Although he doesn't know it, SGM Neel is the reason I am graduating and able to write this. I have learned here, that everyone you meet makes a difference in your life. My life is changed forever thanks to: SGM, the rat roommate promise, the book, my half roommates in 108, parents' weekends, my dykes, Goshen, the FCP crew, the endless nights in Scott Shipp, "the Saturday nights", all first class weekends (Ohio, hockey, the cabin, Roanoke, D.C., Richmond, the Palms, Malones), sporting events ("GO KEYDETS"), the '07 GC, nights in the TV room, addiction to the DS, and all of the endless support, visits and care packages from my amazing family and friends at home. Dad and Mom I could never express to you my gratitude for all you have done. Gipper and Matt thanks for taking the time to try and understand this place. Julie, you knew all along, and I wish you were here to see you were right.

Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2007.

2004: Peter Bennett

2010: Maria Franchella



Pisto, Pistachio, DT



Tweak, Sputnik, Cobb's Rat



in Pedro, JP3, That Guy with no Shoes



You managed to worm your way through rat year by being designated driver for your dykes and fighting innumerable battles at your Dykes' behest against other rooms for the purposes of glory, honor, and resources. With each test you rose to the occasion parrying erotic advances from your rat roommate, and endearing yourself to everyone with your good nature and sense of humor. Third class year we stole truth from UVA, and then you continued your crusade, imposing truth and other moral imperatives on your Rat Challenge Rats- a very painful and degrading truth. Second class year you returned to UVA disguised as a ninja spreading merriment, mischief, and pleasure and mostly pleasure. You received a ring that weighed half as much as you do, and were rudely "interrupted" by your grossly inebriated roommates lament. Stamp twice and say hear, hear for looking for lost treasure in the bushes and parrying blows struck by the red headed Scorpion woman. Victory was achieved and the Jolly Roger sailed on to first class adventures where the denizens of Whore Island and antics of the new swabs were destined to keep you busy. Acting as a mother of the room you enforced the rules of the ship with vigor, imposing keelhauling and lashing- but mostly lashings- on the new swabs for even the slightest infraction. You presented them with a treasure map and they returned with booty. Thanks in part to you, the Jolly Roger will have a crew forever. As you sail off into the sunset with those other nasty Marines, we can say with every certainty that you will have babies- many babies to perpetuate a new crew to crew your own ship. Teach them the ways of the "American Scholar," which incidentally you have yet to read.

2004: George Cushman
2010: Johnathan "Shirk-a-lurk" Shirkey

9th Cpl 3; 3rd Plt CSgt 2; Reg S-7 Lt 1; Endurance CIC 2,1; Marathon 4,3,2,1; Bataan Death March 3; Commanders 4,3,2,1; Theatre 4,3,2,1; Cadet Counseling Staff 2,1; Library Assistant 3,2,1; Bomb 2,1; Bomb Layout Editor 1

Any hope of Danny's pursuit of becoming a ghost rat during the ratline vanished within 15 minutes into Hell Week when most of the greater Lexington area heard "RAT, WHY IS YOUR HAIR GREEN?!" For Danny, the rest of hell week seemed to go by in a "haze" but he always seemed to enjoy meal time more than most of us. The "fuzzy rat" seemed most comfortable when standing next to brother rat Hash. By the third or fourth week of our cadetships, Danny finally obtained entirely male uniform items and actually started talking to us. It is at this point when the motherly nagging started. After the ratline, for many cadets our escape from the rigors of life as a cadet involves such distinguished social centers as the Palms or Malone's. Danny however spent his time in solitude in the library. People back home ask us to describe dANNY...but how do you really put a person into words who religiously Nairs his chest, chooses food based on color, writes HORRIBLE music that somehow manages to get stuck in your head for weeks on end, considers spiders friends, and constantly worries about not having anything to worry about? On a serious note, the "room Mom" has been a constant source of encouragement and we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks for an awesome last four years. -Jon and Matt

Eternal Thanks and Love to: Mom, Dad, Mike, Tim, Granny, Gramps, Ron and Mary Downey, Joellen Bland, Teri, Kevin, Hank, Rob, Todd, COL Harris, COL Sheldon and the rest of the "family." Mike, Charlie, Owen and Jeff: you guys have been the best rats I could have ever asked for. Stay strong, be proud, keep in touch, and ever-strain. Jon, Matt & Nate: Thank you for being there when I needed you most. I couldn't have made it here without you guys. You three have made this place bearable and are my eternal roomies. My home is always yours.

2004: John Cobb, Chris Johnson, Nate Joslyn
2010: Mike "Lil-B" McClary, Charlie "money" Cash,
Owen "Beaver" Trotman, Jeff Cooper

Rifle 4; Football 10,11; Football Coaches Assistant 12; College Democrats 12; Barefoot 4, 3, 2, 1

While there will always be a million places I would rather be, there are no other friends that I would rather have. Tom and Elijah you guys rock and truly are the best friends a man could ask for. Jeff and Chip no summer would be complete without 945 wakeups. But really all I have to say is Long's Campground... Nuff said. Chelsea and Peyton thanks for being there when I needed a kick in the butt. Ryan, Brian, Kenny, and Chad... keep it cool. Everybody else, thanks for making it great, well at least bearable. Just remember in doubt don't be afraid to rock the mustache. Ohh yeah..... Hi Mom.... Hi Dad.

2004: Justin Bierens
2010: Dustin Winters, TJ Guthrie



Scott S. Pistochini
Springfield, VA
Marine Corps - History



Daniel J. Plitnik
Charleston, SC
Navy - Biology



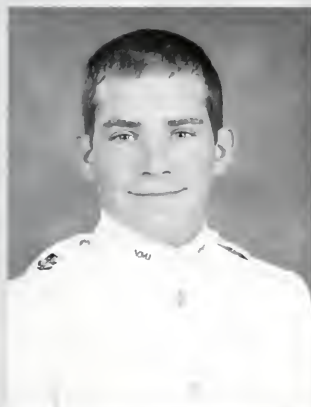
Jonathan P. Pool
Crawfordsville, IN
Army - Spanish



Joshua T. Prible
Virginia Beach, VA
Army - Psychology



Brandon W. Price
Shenandoah, VA
Army - History



Brant M. Priest
Gloucester County, VA
Army - Biology

Boxing 4,3,2; Racquetball 2,1; Paintball 1

Jeez, where did the last four years go? My family has been coming up to VMI every year for the last ten years, starting with my oldest brother, to my second brother, and ending with me. Its been some of the toughest years of my life and I'm so thankful for a loving a supportive family. Chris Scott, and Kenny McWilliams have been some of the closest and dearest friends and roommates anyone could ask for. We have had a blast together over the last few years and I know we'll be friends 'til the end. Friends don't stop at roommates because I have made great friends starting with the class of 2004 and ending with our rats class. As for room 145 rats, keep your heads screwed on straight and press on into the next few years at VMI. I'm proud of you guys for making it through the ratline and look forward to what you'll do in the future. Scott Krieger: I can't believe how lucky I was to have you as my rat. There are many out there who don't have such a good relationship with their rat, so I consider myself blessed. I hope I showed you the right and responsible way to make it through this place. Lastly again, I'd like to thank my family for being there every step of the way, and to my brothers for leading me here. '01-'05-'07

2004: Joe Rubin
2010: Scott Krieger

5th Stoop: 4, Cross Country/Track: 4, Cadre: 3,2,1, Ranger Challenge: 3, Rat Challenge: 1, Honor Court: 2,1

Looking back over the past 4 years, this has certainly been a unique experience. Thanks to all the friends I've met along the way; you are what made this such a rewarding journey.

Wes, Chris, and Dan: You guys are the best. I couldn't ask for better roommates or friends.

To all the rats: you guys have a bright future ahead of you; I look forward to seeing all 5 of you walk the stage in 3 years.

Thanks to my parents for all their love and support.

Beth: Thanks for putting up with me and this place for 4 years.

2 Timothy 4:7

2004: John Cobb
2010: Ben Robertson, Stefan Stark

Band Co. 4,3,2,1 Jazz Band 4,3,2,1 The Cadet Photo Editor 3,2,1 Club Soccer 3,2 Firefighter 2,1

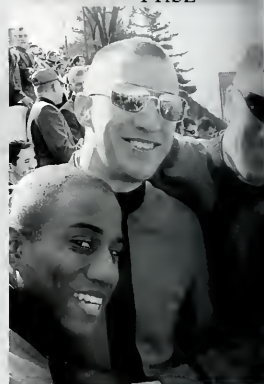
This is for all those who made my time in hell bearable and have helped make this graduation possible. To "148 for life," its just one of those things you do! To the Corner, it has been a messed up version of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, thanks for all the good times and I can only wish ya'll the best of luck as the real world tries to swallow us up. To my dykes, ya'll taught me and put up with me, I can't repay you for that. To the late night crew, we blew through school on a wing and a prayer but not on sleep, thanks. To my family, ya'll bleed red, white, and yellow. I could never have done this without you. For Colin, we've had some close calls together and helped each other out of some sticky shit, but they couldn't get rid of us, and somehow we're graduating. For all my boys who didn't make it meesh meesh, J-40, and the rest it won't be the same graduating without you. Col. B. thanks for showing me what it means to be "with the band" and making sure I stayed around this long. Thanks also to Robert and VMI Biology ya'll have given me a direction to go in life and prepared me better than you know to face it. Finally, to my Hausecat Rednecks remember the summers, the land, and beware the sheep. Oh yah, Will make me proud and same goes for all the other 148 rats. I have given four years to the Institute and received in return a lifetime of friends and memories. Rah VA Mil, its been a hell of a trip.

You are remembered for the rules you break
-Gen. Douglas MacArthur

2004: Joseph Cuthbertson, Rich Lalomia, Mike Corso
2010: Will Quarles, Will Orndorff, Lance Long & Reed Stelly

Class of

Pribz



Big Pimp, Stan, Stanlee



Cricket, Flash, Briz, "CadetSt"



Private 4,3,2 ; Prugh Ups 4,3,2,1; Pull Ups 1; Ice Hockey 4,3; Cycling 2; Rat Challenge 1; CEA 1; Mess Hall Rep 1; CIG 1



Sweet Pea, Prughen



ng Sleeze, King Sketch



Bitch, Vince, Rae, Bitch Rat



"If I could do it again, I'd do it the same, not one regret, I wouldn't change a thing," (Corey Smith). This quote really hits home when I think about my four years at VMI. I almost made the biggest mistake of my life by transferring to Roanoke College third class year. There isn't a day that I don't wake up and think about how thankful I am that I stayed. I never would have developed friendships with some of the best guys I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, Chris, Dan, Phil, and the Jolly Rogers, each of you made staying worth it and I thank you. I have no idea where our lives will take us, but I hope we will always be a phone call or flight away, even if I am distributing coffee out of Costa Rica or West Africa.

2004: Matthew Sharpe
2010: Michael Sundbeck

First and foremost I have to thank Christ, b/c without him nothing is possible. But with him everything is possible: like graduating from this place. Mom/Dad: I love you guys. Without you two I would not be here today. I owe you everything and just hope one day that I will be able to truly show you just how important you are to me. Pops, you taught me how to be a man and that giving up is never acceptable; The Two Rules in life: 1 never give up & 2 never forget rule number 1. You taught me that I can never fail as long as I stay the course. I may not always achieve the standard I set, but as long as I study my inadequacies I am bound to succeed. Mom, you taught me what it meant to be strong and showed me the path to success. Thank you. B/c of you I do not worry about my future. B/c of both of you I know exactly where I will land.

Blake: my bro, you're my best friend. Our parents did one hell of a job. I can't wait till you graduate. You're going to great things; just make sure you include me in on them. Love you buddy.

CLASS of 2007: Well, I'm just glad it's over. Seriously!! Rm. 135 has kept me on confinement my entire cadetship. See you at the 10yr b/c im not coming back for the 5. STP: R Young and I locking cadre in their rooms. If you didn't know by now. 1st RDC Gold Cards for 07. Hotel Corner: Fat Mountain/Comer? still got the laxers, party corner, F-troop peanuts & Hotel Virgins. Dykes: Flounder, Dirty, Spaz (OD), Mike> guys are awesome, hope 116 made you proud 2nd: NOT HERE. Holla at my knox gang, Wells Fargo/Realty Exec. 1st: (C28):SO THERE I WAS.....at least till the L-train ran over me. Sean-Pat, Stevo, Good looking guy: Spring Break 07, see you there in 08, 09,Rats: Bowman, 3 more years kid, you got this under control. Make more of yourself than I did here. I've had you for 2yrs, 135 has nothing you havnt already seen. Trout, Satterwhite, Rodriguez, Bloxom: Get the grades up!!!

2004: John Lesson
2010: Paul Bowman

Soccer 4,3,2,1; GMSC 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Slave Node 2,1

Of all the times I can't shut up, I am at a loss for words. How do you wrap four years of your life into a few hundred words? It is what it is and will always be what it was. The end is a bittersweet to a new beginning! My family - thanks for all of your support and many many tailgates! I love you all! Karen and Vanessa- "into the valley of death rode the valiant 600", "Your dad-will ALWAYS be funny!" To where it all started.... Tabb Tigers, Wildfire, Bay Rivers, WSC, GMSC. I L,O,L,O,L,O,L,O.V.E. you guys! Just for you Karen :) Eri and Brittani - damn! We made it all four years and times have been great along the way... Tiger Echo [only]! Haha. Smelly One - Memories last a lifetime... Holiday Inn, 4th of July, Williamsburg, Squishy Bear, MH, Late Nights, Little Lamb, Raevy.... You will be missed! Fab Four- Well, it started as four... RAJE! The Husband - I still haven't gotten my ring and you still haven't taken MY last name! We haven't picked out our children's names, hell, we haven't even kissed! One good thing can come out of this, the future holds many firsts! And thanks to your roomies for egging us on! Love you guys! Master Node - You have given me great ENSIGHT to the world of CFD. I will not Harpoon your mental parallel processing abilities or your STPs to Rising Stardom. However, I have enjoyed working for you...the ruler of the mesh, the CFD God, and the biggest nerd I know! I ANSYS you stay in contact, GAMBIT! Friends - you got me here, kept me here, and made it all worth it! Thanks....and to sum ME up: "Blonde hair and two eyes, a mouth and a nose; Burp, fart, whatever, with her, anything goes. So she makes random comments that are Oh! So dirty. Hey... It's ok Rae, we can't all be white and nerdy. She thinks out loud, this girl has no shame, all this and more fits into her 5' 3 and 1/4" frame." - well put Z.

2004: Sarah Johnson
2009 Shannon Smith, 2010: Jess Robbins



Stephen C. Prugh
Chester, VA

Air Force - Economics/Business



Brad Pruitt
Knoxville, Tn

Army - International Studies



Raevon M. Pulliam
Yorktown, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Anthony A. Raffaele
Charlotte, NC

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Bodybuilding 1; Guide-on 1 (almost)

Although the days here have been long, I wouldn't trade these 4 short years at VMI for anything. I've made friends here that I know will last a lifetime and no matter what, the countless visits to JMU these past 2 years, Cedar Point, class parties, dances, trips home, Panama City, and the nights spent uptown at the bar with great friends will never be forgotten, but they will be missed.

I'd like to thank my family most of all for making these past 4 years possible. Without the endless support of my parents and love and encouragement of both my sisters I would be lost. I truly believe that in life there is nothing more important than family and friends.

When I first came to VMI I was told by my father that, "in the end" I will love this place and miss it for the rest of my life. It wasn't until I became a first classman that I realized that he couldn't be more right. It's not the academics, small rooms, bad food, or rules that I'll miss. It's having all my best friends within a 30 second walk from where I live. After this year is over we will all be scattered throughout this country and countries far away. Never again will any of us live so close to so many of the people we've become so close with. But I am grateful for all of the great times we were able to have together

2004: Ryan Koniak
2010: Austin Hunt



Samuel N. Rasnick, II
Chester, Va

Air Force - Civil Engineering

All Around Awesome Guy 4,3,2,1; Guitar hero 1; I did something else 3,2,1; Football 4,3,2; Club Soccer 1; NCMT 2; PVT 4,3,2,1

Once I'm a general in the Air Force read my biography.
Hooah.

2004: Frank Russell
2010: Lance Hindle



Alexander Bowling
Manhattan Beach, CA

Air Force - Economics and Finance

Swimming 4,3; Club Soccer 1; Cadet Equity Association 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforaging minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

2004: Glenn Walton, Andy Frazier, Amanda Phelps
2010: Donte Brown

Class of 2010

Raff



Nate



Alex





Reamis



erce Wheatlow, MRSA



ol Pete, Baby Huey, Fluffy



Wake up
Eat
Class
Eat
Movie
Eat
Lift
Sleep
Repeat

2004: Jonathan Dumas
2010: Rory "The Sherminator" Alfree

Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Theater 3,2; Private 4,3,2,1

I would not trade the past four years for the world or repeat them for a million dollars. To start, I have to thank my family who is my strong rock. Mom, thank you for putting up with me and my friends. Andy and Liz, thank you for always believing in me. Thank you to my father. The reason I came to VMI and the reason I stayed at VMI. As I prepare to enter the "real world" there are many things of which I am unsure, however, I am sure that I have made the best friends of my life inside the walls of barracks. Thank you to my roommates for making life at VMI bearable. Michael, thanks for supporting my mom in her old age. Sac, thanks for letting me live in your basement in about two years. Metz, hold down the fort next year. To Chad, Cash, and Graham, thanks for being the most robust crew of cocksters with room 157; I do believe we have had more fun than most.

2004: Clarence Smith
2010: David Bice, Jeffrey Kulat

4,3 Rugby, 3,2,1 4L; CEA 2,1; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1

The four years we have spent at this Institute have been, well, four years. The time has passed with long days and short years, long formations and short weekends, long classes and short naps, long papers and short breaks, and long memories and short regrets. It's over now, the fat lady is singing...While it has been a wonderful time I'm ready to leave; to all those that have helped me along this journey: Thanks!

To my rats: VMI grinds down on the best of us, try to keep your head up and realize what is truly important...

2004: Danny Hall, Rob Serig, Jesse Seguin, Josh Wright
2010: Christopher Leach, Bradley Tritsch



Devin W. Ream
Dover, MA
Army-History



Adam L. Reel
Lexington, VA
Air Force - English



Peter J. Relyea, Jr.
Brooklyn, NY
Army - International Studies & Spanish



Brian P. Renaghan
Malverne, NY
Army - Civil Engineering



Kathleen B. Resetar
Fairfax Station, VA
Army - History



Matthew D. Rexford

Ice Hockey 3,2; ASCE 3,2,1; Body Building 1; NCMT Cadre 2; Lane Walker 2

The four long years are finally over. I would like to thank my mom and dad for their support and sacrifice, because without them I would not have been able to do it. I would also like to thank my friends at home who never questioned my decision to take the road less traveled and stayed with me. Last but not least I would like to thank my dyke Robb who helped me understand VMI and showed me I could make the most miserable of times fun, especially with a little help of running the block, tailgates, and alcohol.

I can't believe that soon I will not be calling VMI home anymore. Although many people say they will not miss this place I think that I will. Even though it has been hard, demanding, and unfair at times, the experiences, education, and friends I have made during my cadetship will always cause me to miss the "I". To my roommates over the years Johnny, Doug, Stretch, Will, Pat, and Mike, thanks for the amazing and unforgettable times we had. I know I can rely on you guys for anything and thank you for being such great friends and roommates, stay in touch.

To my rats Mike, Evan, and Zach, stay strong and don't give up. Good luck with the next three years. The class of 2010, it is now your turn to make the Institute proud we know you can do it.

To the class of 2007, take pride in everything we have accomplished. I wish all of you the best of luck!

2004: Robb Metz
2010: Michael Claar

Cross Country 4, 3, 2; Indoor Track 4, 3, 2; Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2; Promaji Club 1

Well 4 years come and gone...VMI has been quite an experience, but if it has taught me anything it has been the lesson of being yourself no matter what other people think. I am still the pearl and party dress wearing girl that I was when I walked through Jackson Arch in August of 2003. It just goes to show real ladies do attend the Institute. I would like to thank my parents for all their support and encouragement. I carried ratty old Cape May postcards in my cover all 4 years! I want to thank my brother as well (water buffalo) for his postcards and random pictures even though he is artistically challenged. To my sister Laura, good luck here next year...leaving you guys in JM Hall that day was the hardest thing I had to do but I know you will excel here. To all my friends that I have made along the way, thanks for the memories. I will never forget runs with my girls, shopping trips to the Noke, Tri-Chi, Goshen, Goodwill Hunting, the Lexington Bar Scene (as if we had any), Fuggling, Shower Swaps, and many more that I don't possibly list for the sheer ridiculousness of them.

And as always ...we must leave with a quote from the Boss (yeah I haven't changed so much from the little girl who would sit on the swings and sing out Bruce with her friends)

"Glory days well they'll pass you by, glory days in the wink of a young girls eye, glory days, glory days" ~ Bruce Springsteen

2004: Matt Vogel
2010: Alexi Staton, Emily Fritts

No History Provided

Class of

Brian



Rezzy



Matt

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VMI

2004: Derek Raymond
2010: Michael Zelua



Rockets



Frisk Walters



Rat-Larry



I came to VMI not having much knowledge of the school or a lot of the things that go on here, but this place, despite its hardships, has taught me a lot. I came to VMI on scholarship for baseball and I made life-long friendships with all my teammates, roomates, and friends throughout my four years. Mentioning names would be very hard, but mainly all my teammates and roomates are some of the greatest people I've ever met and I will never forget this experience. Not only did I get a great education, but I also learned a lot about the importance of rules and discipline (Although I was not one too good at following them all) GO BASECO!

2004: Matt Cage
2010: Dave Lotman, Adam Carpenter

Big Brothers Big Sisters 2, 1; RDC 1

Looking back on the past four years of my life I wonder what it would have been like to choose to attend a "normal" college. The girls, the parties, and the easier classes always did sound nice on a VMI Friday night. In retrospect, I am glad I had the lapse in judgment to make the decision to come to VMI. God only knows where I would be if I had chosen otherwise. With all the double standards of this school the one thing that remains solid is the bond between brother rats. As cheesy as it sounds, I would do anything for my brother rats and I am sure they would do the same for me. Coming to VMI gave me my best friends in the world. Isaac and Adam-- I couldn't have asked for two better roommates. The past four years were only tolerable because of the guys I lived with. Isaac, Adam, Dave, and Chad (our Kramer) thank you for keeping me sane—for the most part. If you look into the facts, we have roughly 40 mandatory formations or obligations a week. If you give each one of those formations 6 mins it ends up totaling 5 days of standing in formation over four years. That's five days of my life I will never get back. Regardless, I wouldn't take back my decision to come to VMI. I still claim the spot above Isaac's garage.

2004: Dave Coleman
2010: Reid Sartori

Cadet Newspaper 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1; Sports Medicine 3,2;
Body Building Club 1

Being a graduate from VMI was not my initial goal coming out of high school, but coming here and going through everything made it the best option. I have had some of the best experiences and met some of my best friends here. Though this place has its days, and a lot of them, it has been worth it. To my dykes I owe half my success and my friends the other half. To Jon and Knox, you guys were great and I could not have asked for any better rats. I wish you two the best in your future goals and I am sure you will be successful. To my friends, thanks again for all the support and fun.

2004: Joel Andrus
2010: Jon Winoker, Knox Witcher



Chad M. Rice
Grindstone, PA

Air Force - Economics/Business



Paul M. Rice
Jackson, TN

Marine Corps - International Studies



Lawrence J. Richardson
Lexington, SC
Army - History



Daniel T. Rickmond
Williamsburg, VA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



David J. Riedel, Jr.
Washinton, VA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Fredrick T. Robinson, Jr.
Alexandria, VA
Air Force - Economics/Business

Club Basketball, 4 year Private, Hotel Company Spirit Booster

There is a lot to be said about my experience at VMI; but a few things stick out in my mind. My four years here have flown by, despite excruciatingly long days the months seemed to pass faster than the weeks. Perhaps it is because I always had something to do or somewhere to go. I never really bought into the military style of VMI, but I don't regret my time here as I have learned a lot and made a lot of good friends.

I have been through a few good roommates and a few bad ones but I could always count on John to dirty my sink. For all of them that didn't make it I wish them the best. John, I'm sure you'll never change and I hope you don't, you could always make me laugh and I'm glad I found someone to room with who shared my love of being silly.

Leave no doubt that Hotel company is the best on the hill, shiny or not. Whoever decided the company rosters back in 2003 knew what they were doing when they put me in Hollywood. I will never forget my friends here as I'm sure they will remember that I tried to put a smile on everyone's face.

I would like to thank my family for all of their support. You always gave me something to look forward too when I came home and with your visits. Dad, you have been an inspiration as to how a good man should live his life and Mom, you are the sweetest lady I know and your cooking is the best part of coming home. Finally, I would like to thank my grandparents who have always given me their love and support.

2004: Daniel Northcraft

Timberframing 4,2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; ASCE President 2,1; Club Soccer 3,2,1; TGMS 4

Four years have gone by faster than I could imagine. In that time I have met and made friends with numerous people and I know that, even if we lose touch, the BR spirit will always be there.

I would like to thank my family for being there when I needed them. To my roommates, Justin, Matt and Neal: we've been through a lot, both highs and lows, but, despite it all, we made it through; there are many fond memories from our times together as a room. To my Rat, Marshall: keep your head down and chin up—don't let VMI get you down, before you realize it you'll be in my position. To the co-dykes of the 1-4-5: what would Rich, Joe and Mike think of us now? To all my BRs in the Troop: we've had a fun ride and we've kept the tradition strong, hopefully those below us will carry it on.

The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet,
And wether then? I cannot say.
-Tolkien

2004: Rich Lalomia
2010: Marshall Cox

Men's Basketball 4,3,2,1; Regimental Corporal 3; Newspaper 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 1; EC/BU Student Advisory Committee 2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Student Athletic Advisory Committee 2,1

Coming to VMI, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. After Hell Week, I was ready to quit and be a regular college student. Now that I have stuck it out, I can say this has been one of the most fulfilling times of my life. I can say that only because of the relationships I have established here. Starting off with my dyke Erica Ardolino and my "uncle dykes" Rich and Radee. Since then I met some of my best friends here in Keashawn, Jacoby, Levar, and Reggie. People I will always keep in touch with like my '07 teammates Jack "Fatass" Castleberry and Matt Murrer (Mooooo). My rat, Adam Lonon who was a way better rat than I was. My other rat superstars, Ruck(baseball) and Timmy and Miso(football), they held it down in S-18. All of my teammates, especially the class of 2009 because there was never a dull moment with the Twins, Wille B., and Pflug around. All the coaches over the years who helped me through this journey. Also, all of my brother rats in the Class of 2007. My rat roommates from 454, all those who didn't finish the journey with us, the Big Red Club of '06 and '07, the "other" Big Red Club and my boys Worth, Yohe, Chucky Chuck, and my girl Ketra. Everybody in CIG and the business staff for the Cadet. All the faculty and staff here who saw me through. Most importantly, being here made me cherish the relationships I have built with my family, especially my mother, father, brother, and two grandmothers who I call the "5". Without all those people and new friendships, my time at VMI would have not lasted this long and not been this satisfying. The relationships I formed at VMI make my time here all worth it.

2004: Sarah Johnson
2010: Adam London, Kyle Rucker

Class of

Danny
The Saga continues... 492 For



David



Fred





Victor



T-Bone



Bobby, Rob, RJ



It has taken me awhile to realize that VMI is merely a stepping stone to the bigger things in my life. To be honest, I did not enjoy most of the time I spent here, nor most of the things I did and I am quite amazed that I am an alumnus. The nights spent staring at the wall asking myself "what am I doing here?" will always haunt me. However, I am extremely thankful for the friends I have made during these four years—they almost make it worth it. I hope that all the hype about this place is true and all my hard work means something to someone. To all the roommates I have had over the past four years (Lee, Brad, Wes, Michael, Jake, Thane, Cash, Dido, Vic, Teazey, B-Sac, Melshin, Kirtley, Crump, Tommy) thank you for keeping me laughing, focused, and sane. We've had some crazy times...keep in touch. To the rats, I hope that I was able to be a positive influence in your life on some small scale. Hopefully I said or did something that will make you a better cadet, student, and person. Nikki, you have been a rock throughout my cadetship and I appreciate it. I couldn't have done it without your support and I love you. Dad, above all you have sacrificed so much for me and, for the most part, have been the only person who had faith in me. I love you. Mom, thank you for doing the best you could for me. I love you. To all those who have not been mentioned thank you. It's time to finally move on.

2004: Clark Laster
2010: Kyle Nikmard, John Keilty

Rugby 4,3, Vice-President 2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Cpl 3; Mst. Sgt. 2; Pvt 1; ODE Honor Society 1

To my parents: Thank you for everything you have done for me in life. You have prepared me to become who I am today, and I am proud to be your son. Both of you have always been there for me in everything. Dad – You will never know how much guidance you have provided me in life. I will always love you and strive to live up to your standards. Mom – Everything you have done in your life has been for others. I hope I can take the lessons learned from you over the years and continue to grow throughout my life. Bryce – I love you and I know that one day you will be able to do anything in life that you set your mind to.

To my roommates: These last few years have been pretty wild. Wayne, Pat, and Ryan – I know that we didn't always get along, but we always got back to being ourselves. I'll always remember all of the complaints and fights, as well as the many road trips, late nights, other good times during the years. Good luck in life and I hope you all achieve great success.

To my boys: Ya'll have been there through all the crazy times too. All the weekends and rugby trips will stay with me for life. Bottles of wine, go-cart tracks by the interstate, and the general craziness that ensued every weekend these last couple of years. This place has made us hate our lives, but we're all the better for it. I can't wait to see you guys at all the reunions and hear about all of the great things you've done.

Rats: Keep your heads up. College will be done before you know it. Make sure that you keep your heads on straight, your priorities in the right order, and don't forget that there is a "real world" outside of this place. Evan – You have been a great rat and a good friend this year. Continue to do well in school, and always remember to make your friends and family proud.

2004: Joe Montagna
2010: Evan Aguirre

Private 4,2,1; Corporal 3; Timber Framing 4,3,2,1; Club Soccer 2,1; SURI 1

Robert was born on 3 November 1984 at Camp Lejeune, NC, the eldest of three sons. He was born and raised a Marine Corps brat living in Scotland, Spain, Japan, North Carolina, Maryland, and Virginia and attending six schools before going to VMI. He was as he is. Robert has always been an introspective, logic-based young man looking for the why's and where's and always interested in spatial relations. As a toddler, he loved building with Duplo blocks always aware of color balance and symmetry. In elementary school, he loved drawing with grid paper especially once he learned about perspective. A little known fact: Robert was an avid bowler and won third place at the MWR All-Europe youth bowling championship in Germany when he was 12. He went on to discover algebra around the 7th grade and never looked back. In the 8th grade Robert was inducted into the Junior National Honor Society, in tenth grade was accepted into the National Honor Society. He was also very active in the JROTC, starting in Yokota, Japan and resuming his participation at Quantico. A JROTC field trip introduced Robert to VMI and from that day, there was never a question where he believed his future lay.

2004: Rob Serig
2010: Michael Purpura



Victor A. Rosen, II
Staunton, VA
Army - English



Tyler J. Russell
Whiteville, NC
Army - Economics/Business



Robert J. Russman
Quantico, VA
Marine Corps - Civil Engineering



Matthew Saccone
Elizabeth, PA
Air Force - Civil Engineering



Benjamin J. Safrin
Ridgeway, VA
Marine Corps - Biology



Ahmed M. A. Safy Eldin
Egypt
Army - Mechanical Engineering

Club Soccer 4,3,2,1; International Club 3,2,1; Arnold Air Society 3,2,1;
Guide-on 1; Club Volleyball 2,1; Rugby 4; Post Tour Guide 3; Navigator's
Bible Study 1; Timberframer 2,1

PITTSBURGH. This school has changed my outlook on life. It seems like my time here was always spent on some kind of restriction. Rat / 4th Class Year was amazing! Throwing hays, rat tours, caroling to the corporals, Matson flipping out about drill comp, Tiki Barber, water balloon fights, launching water balloons at Whalon, ripping down Christmas lights, trip to Jackson's grave, Mil Duty - Snowball Fight, Powers, --- Breakout! 3rd Class Year it was horrible. Confinement, PTs, demerits, 10-6-30, 10-3-15, 10-2-10, 10-3-25, like candy, my roommates taking my demerits to keep me in school, can you say hemi, and then, Matt without a shirt, saber arch, worst academic year, broken, AMNESTY. 2nd Class Year Corps trip to Matt's house, The Ring, confinement, demerits, PTs, always in the lab, my roommates bailing me out to keep me in school, Peranski's money house, summer at VMI. 1st Class Year a blast, my first weekend, *Erisbee with our sister room* (121), Timmy coming to my house for 5 minutes and sniffing me, Deezy my Neezy, Qwerty, mike and pete's initiation into the fam, wifey's hair flip, the way James walks, body surfing in the snow, sweat dyke WalMart, Bible study and talks with Tim, freakin rats, scotty and his guns, drew talking to his boo, matt's gay voice and his countryness, josh's one eyebrow and no protection, Fletcher giggin and soccer, jeremiah and his broken toe. Timberframing FTX, James slaying women. JIMMY! Friendorama. You ever rub your leather mike. A-m-b-u-l-a-n-c-e, How am I gonna look at my pupils. You can't say the word flaccid to me. Must you perpetuate the stereotype. You guys don't make any sense. Present your facts. HAAA LEFT! You left me! You got something stupid to say, well say it then so I can be done with you. To all the CE's I leave the TIE SKI!

2004: Andrew Hickman
2010: Matthew Mawyer, Jeremiah Fitzgerald

Alpha Company Guidon 1; Alpha Company Private 4,3,2,1

So there I was, my first night in barracks during Hell Week, and I woke up to find myself sleeping at the position of attention, then realizing that I was living in a world that so few would ever have the privilege of knowing. I came to VMI expecting to eventually get a degree and to make a few good friends along the way, but I did not expect to graduate with brothers. I cannot express how highly I hold my Brother Rats and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have experienced the camaraderie of the Brother Rat Spirit.

I would like to thank God first for giving me the strength to take the road less traveled and for blessing me with the opportunity to attend the best and most demanding school in the nation. I would also like to thank my Mom, Dad (this is for you), sister, brother and the rest of my family who have always believed in me; without their support, I could not have made it. Rhett and Dan, what can I say (other than you know what you are!)...I was truly blessed to have you both as roommates; I cannot express how much I have enjoyed it...it's been an honor. Jonathan and Jason... always uphold the VMI standard, never stop caring and be proud of who you are and what you represent. You both have a long hard road ahead of you, but remember that "it's supposed to be hard. If it were easy then everyone could do it. The hard is what makes it great." To all of the Alpha guys, it's been a blast and I consider myself very fortunate to have been a member of the best Company on the hill.
IN THE BONDS...ALPHA 2007

"There is no need to suppose that men differ very much one from another; but it is true that the ones who come out on top are the ones who have been trained in the hardest schools."

2004: James Volosin
2010: Jason Barnes

This school has left me speechless.

Class of

Snowcone, Sac Dez, Pan



Snakeshit, Big Ben



Safy





Addendum to the 2007 Bomb

Our apologies to Mr. Saunders, whose picture and profile were inadvertently omitted, and to Mr. Wilhite, whose profile was substituted by another cadet's. Here are the corrected versions to be included in your personal yearbook.

Cadet Private- 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge- 3, 2, 1; Academic Stars: 3, 2, 1;
Palms: 1

The Snake, English,
Famoso Phil



The last four years have been the most challenging experience of my life, but I have few complaints to write about. Although there have been many hardships at V.M.I., I always had friends, family, and mentors who helped me along the way. Indeed, no man develops in a vacuum, so I hope this narrative acknowledges everyone who helped me become the person I am today.

Of my family, I cannot overstate their insight and support; especially from my father, my grandfather, and my cousin William. Their respective fortitude, motivation, and example gave me the courage to seek out V.M.I., and the resilience to stay. Of my friends at the Institute, I will always remember my dykes Matt and Steve for teaching me how to succeed at V.M.I. and never "tap out", no matter how rough things get. Lastly, I must acknowledge my roommates Dan, Steve, and Chris; along with the men of Bravo company. It has been an honor to live with you over the years, and I hope we will stay in touch long after graduation.

After four years of traveling the world, doing things I never thought possible, and making mistakes; I am ready to move on. Wherever my endeavors take me, I will always remember my years at the Institute and those who carry on the legacy of our class. To David and the rats of room 107: Work hard, don't sweat the small stuff, and don't let The Man get you down.

2004- Matthew C. Park & Stephen Varanko
2010- David Messina

Private 4,3,2,1; Hotel 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3 ; Ice Hockey 2; Banff 2,1;
Hater 4,3,2,1; W&L SEAL Club 1;

Bretsky

Well what can be said to sum up such an experience? For reasons unknown or simply intangible, I have always wanted to be a product of this Institute. And sure, it may not have been the most enjoyable experience at times, but I am fortunate to have gone through it with incredible dedication and support from family and friends. Marms and Dad - though I think we can thank Mr. Ishon for getting me in here, it was your parenting skills that got me through, especially the eight hour drives for the two hour visits.

The time I spent here could not have been done without the friends I have accumulated along the way. To my roommates... the brothers I never had: Lex Restaurant breakfasts, JBC orders, our kitchen appliance-filled room, and my love/hate relationship with the Edelweiss German Restaurant. Anthony, keep doin' work. Nick, my sleepmaster. Eric, I'll never quit you. And finally, Gregory, how I'll always wonder what it's like in your world. To my rat, Jake: you've done well, keep up the hard work and keep in touch. Remember, you can always come to me with your questions. Always. Oh, and please, please, keep Thomas out of trouble.

I only hope that my experience will one day pay off. Now comes the mystery.

2004- David Poldiak
2010- Jake Weimer



Phillip Lee Saunders Jr.
Suffolk, VA
History



Bret R. Wilhite
Hershey, PA
Navy - English & Environmental
Leadership and Management





James



dogdog, Slug Dog, Schluug, Splooge



n, XO, #2, Scott, Satan



Corporal 3; First Sergeant 2; Echo CO 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Bodybuilding Club 2; RDC 1; New Market March 1;

It is the people that make this place a blessing or a curse. And I can truly say that I have had some of the best times of my life at VMI. Some things I will never forget:

- the weekend with tom matthews and the boys at gold and sliver (and ihop afterwards)
- urinating on my roommate's girlfriend's white ring figure dress (blackout drunk)
- quoting bad boys 2 all the time in the room
- all of the navy pt where panties, jeff, and I didn't do anything
- the infamous "hockey weekends"
- the strippers we ordered to the hotel room (waste of money)
- the roommates and I trying beat the crap out Saccone
- matty swatting the bat
- rouchambo
- berserk burke (crazy chick)
- matty throwin my pencils out the transom
- the wiley
- ...the sac pipe
- matt the tooth
- tommy gun

Thank you.

To my rats: you will do fine here. I have never had any worries about you. Keep your head up and keep doing what you do. I'm glad you are the only rat I took and I'm proud to say that I'm your dyke.

Time for the next chapter.

2004: Johnny Pax
2010: Drew Horgan

VMI Rugby Football Club 4,3,2,1

Wouldn't trade it for a million dollars, wouldn't do it again for a million dollars.

346- Kosh, Noel, Dupilka, Baptweezy, Ratline shenanigans, 3rd stoop, everyone lost it/ fought at least once, Artie got drunk and cried, Ball Bust'n Bravo, last breakout hill. 335- Noel, Russell, Johnson, Huggins. You like pat? HSB's, rugby games, Princeton?... yeah Hingley & Steve-o, so there I was..., there's only one way to find out. 252- Marc, Kyle, Jamil, Eric. Elusive A1, ring figure, zollman's surviving crew, yeah boy's, pimp pimps, drinks on the sneak sneak, and too much more to count.

C-23- Willis & "Matt" Moorman. Rals are good, broke-dog, honorary S-11, Mid-Winter, basketball games, the Palms - Malones, weekends, first class private.

Couldn't have done it without: Brad, Robbie Brooke, Down-Town, Coose Coose, Sean Day, Canning, Dupe-Dog, Ernst-e-poo, Sean Hingley, Drew, Huggy, Jensen, Geraldo, Lucas-A, Jamil- e-o, Kosh-ola, Leery, Ant-ny, Matt Moorman, ABC, Scotty, Chuck, Metz, Isaac, Peep-Ka, Skeet, Pisto, Sleepmaster, Johnny-P, Sal, Reamus, Adma, Pistol Pete, Chad, Smitty, K-tweezy, Rice, Rickmond, Strasser, Neal, T-Bone, Saccone, Wesley, Nicky-T, Steve-o, Christopher Waddell, Jamaal, Sneaks, Rhys, Jake, Alec, and all those I left out.

2004: Eric Waters
2010: Wes Whitcomb, Jack Wright, Randy Phillips

Regimental Staff 1; Company Cadre 3,2; VA Air National Guard 4,3,2,1; The Commanders 4,3,2,1; Institute Bugler 3,2,1; Body Building 3,2,1; Skeet and Trap 3,2; Scuba 1

During the past four years, we have found the following to be self evident. A conceited and "maniacal" (Help received: Hutch) man, Jon makes the average tool bag feel as though they must run and polish their gym dyke shorts. Never has a cadet had so much responsibility yet known so little about the actual functioning of the Institute. Even in February of his first class year, his first class private roommate had to teach him how to wear overcoat. Jon took worming to an entirely new level when as a Rat he missed roughly 4 weeks of the ratline by "accidentally" running a bayonet through his foot, causing him to miss the bulk of rat challenge and the 20 mile march to New Market. Incidentally, this is the first time since the civil war that a cadet weapon has drawn blood. (self inflicted wounds do not warrant the Purple Heart). Nothing makes us feel better than to have him come back from Natty Guard "Duty" and complain about how his incredible hangover and ...exploits have left him exhausted for the week ahead. The best part is, we can leave the room and he will continue to talk about it (and anything else). We will also look fondly back to the many nights when he would: Tie us up, wrestle us into painful positions, beat us with various implements, "robot," "maximum force." And convince us that the following were good ideas: "saber catch", gook food, chest shave, light chest hair on fire, tequila shots with night light chasers, Nate coughing blood=no hospital, Kristine... Seriously though, Jon you are a great guy and we couldn't have made it here without you. Love you to death. -Danny and Matt (and Nate)

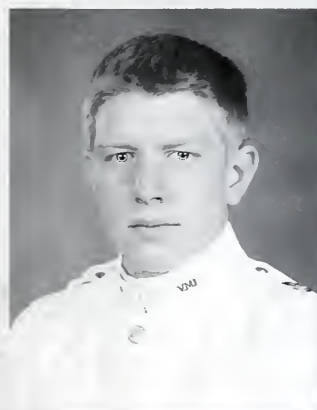
From Jon: First, I can't thank my mom and dad enough for being my biggest supporters over these last 4 years. Your guidance and patience have not gone unappreciated. To my roommates, company, team M.E., Air Force studs and all that I have had the privilege to work with through the regimental and class system, it has been my honor to know and work with you guys. To my rats, Charlie and Owen, it has been a pleasure watching you two grow from rats into cadets. You each have, and continue to make me proud. Continue to push yourselves as there is nothing that either of you can't achieve. Lastly to my brother rats, I can't begin to describe the bonds that these last four years have created and the impact they have had on my life. Thanks for all the good times and rest assured that the beach house will always be available for '07.

2004: Gordie Ruff

2010: Owen Trotman, Charlie Cash



James G. Sandman
Cincinnati, OH
Navy - Computer Science



John B. Schluge
Indianapolis, IN
Army - Economics/Business



Jonathan T. Schmidt
Midlothian, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Matthew J. Schreibfeder
Coppell, TX
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Dustin J. Schultz
Lusby, MD
Navy - Physics



Gregory R. Schwartz
Fredericksburg, VA
Army - Physics

Private 4,3,2 ; Drum Captain 1; Drumline 4,3,2,1; Marathon Club 2,1;
Marathon Club ACIC 2; CCS 2,1; Theater 3;

What can be said about Matt that is appropriate to be printed in public record? You would assume that living with the same person four years would give you all sorts of fuel. Not so with Matt, as he is the ultimate (award winning) ghost cadet. It wasn't until Breakout that we even realized we had a fourth roommate when a member of cadre yelled "Who the @*& is Schreibfeder!?" Although he and Danny spend about 25 hours a day arguing like an 80 year old married couple, he manages to earn the reputation of most bitter cadet since Patton. Equipped with an attitude toward daily cadet obligations of a 16 year old girl, keeping to himself and doing the bare minimum to get by, Matt has a unique ability to whine and bitch relentlessly. For some reason he seems to think that he is from a land called, 'Texas,' which he spends every waking moment irrationally and incessantly defending the glory of, overshadowing his desire to seek out girls and/or a good time. Matt has tirelessly (and adeptly) managed to avoid any real responsibility his entire cadetship. He was later foiled by COL Brodie, when by missing a practice parade, he was rewarded the title Drum Captain. Yes, it seems that his apathy for life in general persists despite his various new orifices inflicted by L-Train. To be honest, the only times we have ever seen Matt become inflamed is with money. One day in a fit of rage at how inefficiently kept our change jar was, Matt established himself as the "change warden" creating a spread sheet to keep track of the petty amounts of dimes and pennies that passed in and out of our room. Did we mention his pet? SAM. Ask him about it. Seriously though: Matt we love you. You have made the last four years a bit happier. Mostly because in comparison to you, our lives aren't that bad. Love Danny and Jon.

From Matt:
I did not write the above. Thanks for all the support Mom, Dad, Phil and Grandma.

2004: Joe DiDomenico
2010: Jeff Cooper

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Club Soccer 2; Lifeguard CIC 3,2

Dustin came to VMI without ever having set foot or laying eye on VMI. He made it through everything VMI had to offer and never looked back. He lived with one roommate since rat year and the other was his co-dyke. He made it through VMI with the same girlfriend that he started with, and that says a lot. He will be marrying her in July after Graduation, and then heading to Pensicola for Naval Flight School.

2004: Adam Zimmerman
2010: Dominik Wermus

NCAA Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Private 1,2,4; Guide Sergeant 3; Running the Block to W&L 4;

The bond that makes us brothers will never die, for throughout life we will go through hardships and find our brothers at our side.

2004: Phil Cole
2010: Justin Ong, Hayden Cox

Class of

Jew, Panzerfaust





BBBBAAAALLLLLLIIIIIIINNNNNN!!!!!! Well as the cadetship comes to a close, I can only say it's been one hell of a ride. This year was very entertaining to say the least, except with the absence of the Class of 2006 and their influence they carried on the hockey team. Deemer, we missed ya! Don't worry brother, we carried on the tradition. You'd be proud. I'm glad we had a Steeler Super Bowl victory while we were here. And how bout those Pens? From rat year to Ring Figure, from Ring Figure to Graduation, each moment was one to remember. Hockey weekends, birthday parties (Canning you know what I mean), and being woke up to the crack of an icy aluminum can (Kania). Even though day in and day out this place managed to take a toll on us, we beat the system and made it rock.

DJ Schwizzy



LBC, Scoota



Sal



2004: Matt Sanders
2010: Dan Perestock

Rat Challenge 3,2; 1st Battalion Color Sergeant 2; 1st Battalion S-1 Lieutenant 1; RDC 1; Boxing Team 4,3; Newspaper 4,3,2; Racquetball Club 1; Body Building Club 1;

I was born in Panama City, Panama. My father was enlisted in the Air Force and once he retired, Northern Virginia became my home. I have two younger sisters, one of which will be graduating from W&L. I came to VMI with the burning desire to prove myself and just basically impress people. I chose a major many didn't think I was intelligent enough for, at a university out of the ordinary, one that demanded more than what they believed I could handle. I leave it realizing that it was completely vain and pointless to work hard in order to win others admiration. Peers back home may still be "impressed" that I actually survived VMI, but I now realize that their thoughts don't even matter to me. As long as my family and I are satisfied, then that's all there is to it. I have nothing to prove to anyone but myself.

I've had an amazing time here at VMI. My roommates became the brothers I've always wished for, and I've met some of the greatest friends here. It's something that's united in all of these bios. That's what this school is about: the bonds we make. We unity in our disdain for this school, and help each other out to try and enjoy life. So here marks the end of another chapter in my life. I'll never be able to thank those around me here enough for making this journey bearable and I hope we'll always maintain the friendships we've made. Most of all, I thank God for guiding me in the direction of this school in order to give me some of the most important lessons in life, as well as giving me the strength to press on.

Fortitudine Vincimus- By Endurance, We Conquer
And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell -Matthew 10:28

2004: Jason Quash
2010: Jonathan Pope

HC VP 1; Alpha 1st Clp 3; Reg SGM 2; Reg CO 1; Rat Challenge 3,2,1; NCMT Military Skills 4,3,2,1; Big Brother 3,2; International Club 3,2; Aviation Club 4,3,2; Model Arab League 3;

A few days ago I was walking across the parade ground with SGM Neel. I said to him, "SGM, I am so ready to graduate." Two steps later I said, "SGM, I don't want to leave." It was then I realized what really happens at the Institute. As cadets we are in such a rush to graduate; such a rush to get back to the real world and put the lessons we learned to use. The downside to this is we sometimes lose sight of how special our time as a cadet really is. Although I might have been in a rush these past 4 years, I wouldn't trade one second of it for the world.

To my family: I could not have gotten to this point without you. Charles and Mark: the two of you are my foundation; you have taught me to be the man I am today. Paks: since our first day in the desert you have been there for me. Thank you. My Brothers at VMI: you know who you are. I have had a different experience with each of you, but one thing remains the same- you are the greatest group of men on the face of the earth. It is an honor to call you my brothers. My rats: Stixx, B-frank, and Gardner: one of the biggest honors of my cadetship was being your dyke. Be the men you know how to be. My young Jedi: you are an amazing leader, keep the faith. SGM Neel: I have never met a better Soldier. Thank you for always being there. Picariello: Brother, you know me better than anyone else. I don't have to say a word because you already know it. Train-Fight-Kill.

"We few. We happy few. We Band of Brothers. For those who shed their blood with us today shall always be our Brothers."

2004: Josh Powers
2009: Brendan Walmsley 2010: Mitch Gardner, Brandon Franklin



Jonathan P. Schwerer
Pittsburg, PA
Air Force - Economics / Business



Christopher D. Scott, Jr.
Woodbridge, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Salvatore Sferrazza, Jr.
Long Island, NY
Air Force - International Studies, Arabic



Matthew T. Shea
Burke, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Paul D. Sheldon
Glen Allen, Va

Navy - Electrical Engineering



Kaiyu Shih
Taipei, Taiwan

R.O.C. Army - Mechanical Engineering

Rat Challenge Cadre for three years, Echo Company Private

So these four years have finally ended. Years that taught me many lessons in life. Lessons such as if you want to have good grades you need to increase the amount of time you spend playing Halo or watching stupid online videos such as Red vs. Blue. Really, these four years have been interesting in a strange sort of way. You just never really knew what to expect, whether it was a burning Christmas tree, bombs going off in the courtyard, or a never ending fire alarm, there was always something to make you say "What the hell?" All in all it has been a good time. I think in the end it will turn out to have all been worth it. I want to say thanks to my girlfriend Melissa, for sticking with me through these four years despite the fact that I go to VMI, and my parents and family for encouraging me to always follow through. To my roommates Ryan and Ben it has been a memorable few years. To the rats in my room, stay strong, and to all of Echo, Crush the Enemy!

2004: Ryan Taylor
2010: Steve Dine

I would like to thank all my friends and family for helping me get through this place. You all helped me through the tough times and have shared all the good times with me. I couldn't have done it without everyone's help and support. It's nice to know I have such good friends, girlfriend, and family to put up with my crap, encourage me, and help me drive on, thanks everyone.

2004: Joshua Fox
2010: Paul DeValk

All Around Awesome Guy 4,3,2,1; Guitar hero 1; I did something else 3,2,1; 4,3,2,1; F-Troop

To begin with, the journey of VMI is over with lots of friendships and unforgettable memories.

My four years at VMI have been the most special, rewarding and exciting time of my life. Things are a little bit different from the opposite site of the world; learning and having fun here at VMI has truly been a joyful experience. I am grateful for all the people who helped support me through the years, especially my family, Taiwan comrades and roommates (Ryan). Life could never have been as easy without you; you guys really made this place colorful.

Finally, I leave those who follow in our footsteps this advice: Know what you are doing and what you want. Your future is in the palm of your hand, do what you like and enjoy it. It is the time to pack the backpack and start move toward the next stop. Choose the path you love, and love the path you choose.

"Opportunities multiply as they are seized."
- Sun Tzu

2004: Lee, Pei Chun
2010: Wang, Kuan Chih

Class of

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Codewick, Chadly, Chuck



Simmy, J



Smee, Smitty, The State



The past four years have been the most trying 4 years of my life and I will never forget them. I've always wanted to say I was a VMI Alum and it seems that day has finally come, I can't believe it. Thank you God. None of this would have been possible without the loving support of my family and friends. You have all sacrificed more than you should have. I have been blessed in my life with the greatest Mom and Dad, without whom none of this would have been possible. You have given me every opportunity to succeed and more, and have always been there for me. I love you both. Mrs. Reel, thank you for everything. In my four years I have met some of the best men in this world and I am proud to call them my brothers. Van, Frisk, Pierce, and Cash, thanks for always being there. I don't think JMU, Tech, or Liberty will ever be the same.. BOISE! Sac, make sure it's a full basement; we're going to spend a lot of time there, MEOW. Adam, looks like its time for us to move from your basement to Sac's. Cash, what can I say, you've been one hell of a roommate and a great friend. I can't wait to make it up to Cresson. You are right Cash, they're all nuts! Here's to BOSS MAN! Michael, we got a lot more fish to catch, George Strait- Damn straight! We did a lot of stupid stuff over years, I'm not going to lie, I'm proud of us. Together we kittens have had more fun than was authorized, probably more than anyone has ever had at this place. Without you guys I don't think I would have made it. I'll miss your scents. I wish you all the best of luck and happiness. Corey, Lin, Metz, Rhino, Joe Tits, it's been a distinct pleasure; I wish you nothing but the best. To all of our rats, keep your heads up and don't ever let this place get you down. I don't think I will ever miss this place, just the people I have met here. My time here is done and I couldn't be happier. Thank you once again to everyone. I'm finally done!

2004: Daniel Ayers
2010: Charlie Nicotera

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Dean's list 2; Rifle 4,3,2,1; AAAA 4,3,2,1; Lifeguard 2,1; FCA 2,1

Over these last four years VMI has taught me so much more than what can be pulled out of a text book. My cadetship has been a rollercoaster of emotion and a journey of discovery. At times it felt as if time was standing still, but now I can't figure out where it has gone. I owe thanks to several people both in and out of the corps. To my rat roommates, Joe and Hershel, you guys got me started on the right foot and kept me going all the way to the end. CJ, I want to thank you for being a good teammate, tutor, and friend, for without your help, I think I would still be wrestling with rat chemistry. I also owe the rifle team a great deal of gratitude. I will always remember our practices and spectacular trips to away matches where anything could happen. Taylor and Elijah, thanks for everything. To my roommates and close friends, Pat Young, Durasavin, and Barney, thanks for the unforgettable times and good memories. Brother rats, Coach Thorp, Sandi, and especially Mrs. Ruffin, thanks; nuff said. My family deserves the most credit, for their unrelenting support has carried me through these four challenging years. Finally, thanks to my friends back home, you guys know who you are. Without your rowdy shenanigans to remind me what life is all about, VMI would have surely caused me to lose my sanity. For those who got left out, don't worry, I haven't forgotten you or your help. Brother rats of the class of 2007, the time has finally come to go out there into the real world and Git-R-Done.

2004: Brian Hall
2010: Andrew Olson

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9

The frequency in which VMI and its community has the opportunity of being able to call a cadet like Ryan its own is seldom. Fortunately for VMI, the "city life", so often associated with Lexington, proved to be no match for Ryan. Despite coming from a town with only one spotlight, Ryan demonstrated his uncanny ability to conquer large obstacles.

For everyone who knows Ryan, it would be hard to refute the claim that he is one of the most capable, charismatic, and honorable people anywhere. For those who do not know him personally, it can earnestly be said that his reputation precedes him.

Though Ryan is certainly worthy of several Corps-wide awards, the one he is most deserving of is the "Tightest Ducks in the Corps Award." Ryan has been able to hold the coveted title for the past four years, though unfortunately, his dynasty's days are numbered.

Doubtless, Ryan worked hard for this. In the mess hall, he mastered the art of massive burrito building. We haven't seen talent of this caliber since the days of Mantoosh and the Lumberjack Breakfast.

A commander, a lover, a man, Ryan has blossomed as a leader over his four years. This year, he is in the midst of writing his book, "Sayings for People who don't like Sayings." It will be printed on the inside wrapper of most MacDonald's McGridgiles.

Ryan, best of luck to you. Even though you spent 25% of your time in the room bent over fastening shirt-stays, we love you. Be safe, have fun, don't forget where you come from and those behind who call you their friend.

Mom and Dad, I cannot tell you how proud I am to be your son. The advice and love that you have given me has helped me through the hardest times. Meg, I could not have made it without your constant love and support. I never would have been here without you. To my roommates, you have provided me with memories and friendship that will last a lifetime. To Bravo, you have taught me what you cannot learn in any book. It has been a wild ride, Ball Bustin.

Proverbs 31:8-9

2004: Ed Cooper
2010: Keith Gaines, Corey Morgan



Charles W. Simmons
Fincastle, VA
Air Force - Economics / Business



Jason M. Simulcik
Woodford, VA
Army - History



Ryan C. Smith
Troy, OH
Army - Economics / Business



Thane J. Smith
Virginia Beach, VA
Army - Economics/Business



Kyle E. Snider
Burke, VA
Marine Corps - History



Brian W. Stange
Fairfax, VA
Army - Mechanical Engineering

Baseball 4,3,2,1

I can honestly say that I have been through some tough times while at VMI. It may or may not have been the Institute that caused that suffering. But through that suffering I have found friendship. Friends are what make this place bearable. The positive and negative influences from those friends are worth the suffering I have endured. To my roommates from all the years (Connor Petter, Demetrius Harrison, Ian Casher, Victor Karpov, DiDo, Vic Rosen, Josh Legg, Keith, Steve-O, and Sam) thank you so much for both the good times and bad times. To all my friends I have gained along the way, I have learned more from you than anything that could be taught in a classroom. To the "freshmen" that know me, keep with it. You'll be able to handle anything once you leave this place. To the baseball team, deal with it. We will always be hated. And finally to everyone in the class of 2007, the light at the end of the tunnel, though sometimes dim, is now upon us. We have reached the end and can now see. I wish everyone good luck on your journey throughout life.

2004: Matt Liffick
2010: Mile Treacy

Rat Challenge 3; Sprint Football 2, 1; Scream Team 3, 2, 1; Powerlifting 1

First and most importantly I would like to thank my parents for their constant support throughout my four short years here. I can remember you telling me many times, all after furloughs when I always got that sick feeling in my stomach, that the years would fly, and that couldn't have been more true. Thank you for your love and encouragement. I couldn't have done it without you. Secondly I would like to thank my friends. 252!!!!!! Sweet Chocolate, Duplika, Lil' Ron aka Ronnie, and Poop Deezy. You all have made this place tolerable and that has made all the difference. From pounding beers in the back of the room to Ring Figure to falling off of cars to Jazzy Belle and taking rides with Chris and everything in between, having good friends is one of the most important things in life. Thank You.

It's finally come full circle. I can easily remember being a rat and watching my Dykes walk across the stage, accepting the VMI diploma and throwing their gloves into the air...now it's our turn.

2004: Joseph Montagna
2010: Mike Hozik

Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Rock Climbing Rat Challenge 3, 2, 1; Coconscious Objector: 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC Sapper 1;

I can honestly say I really enjoyed my time here at the mother I and that was mainly in part to the people that were here with me. When I arrived I had no idea of what to expect, both academically and militarily, but with the help of my Dykes and Brother Rats I have made it through this place. In my short time here I learned that all of life is what you make of it, especially here at VMI.

Yes, life was not great at VMI, but then again it would not be VMI if life was great. Here you have to make lemons out of lemonade everyday, and be grateful you had lemons too. VMI is all about what you make of it, you can either trudge your way through it painfully or trudge your way through it joyfully, enjoying every bit of it, and that is what I did. True some things weren't fun but you still could learn from it. I learned that if you really wanted to make a difference all you had to do was lead others toward that change. The leadership positions are out there to be taken, even by privates, it is just a matter of whether or not you have the ability to take it and run with it.

The one true life lesson I learned here at VMI is that if you work hard at something you will accomplish it no matter what it is, and that no matter how drunk you get there is always someone there to make sure you make it back by taps.

2004: Jon Rushin
2010: Jonathan Bisulca

Class of

Thane



Kyle



Brian



Echo Company Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Challenge 3,2; Promaji Club 3,2,1; Young Democrats 3,2,1; Endurance Club 1; NG Club 3,2,1; Red Dragons 2,1



Teasy



Dan



The late great Bob Marley must have had VMI in mind when he sang "Good friends we have, oh good friends we've lost along the way." I have met some of the finest young men of our generation within these four walls called Barracks. When I was a rat, a third, a second, a first, and a fifth year man I thought about transferring to a regular college every morning standing at BRC and when I was marching PTs, and the only reason I didn't is because I wouldn't give up the friendships that I have made here for anything in the world. To my dykes Grady, Brock, Josh, and Mike I'm glad that I ended up in C-29, thanks for giving me the tools to survive at this God forsaken place. To all my boys in Echo Company, I have had a blast serving in the Virginia Militia (unorganized) with you. To Brain, you have been my right-hand man and best friend from STP all the way to first class year, thanks for always having my back no matter what, unless I got into a fight with someone then you would run the other way. But I'm not mad at you, NG for life. To my Parents, staying at VMI was the hardest thing I have done so far in my 22 years on this earth and I thank you for always supporting me. And to everyone still at VMI after I leave, there are two words of advice I want to give you. First, always keep it real so others don't have too, and second one who lives well, lives unnoticed. Remember our life is short but is made longer by misfortunes.

2004: Grady Orr

2010: Matt Walker

Theatre 2, 1; History Honor Society 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; PVT 3, 2, 1

What? You mean it's actually going to end? It's not going to last forever, as it has seemed like at times? Yes, I can feel the end approaching now. So many times I've wanted to just give up and leave, but against my better judgment decided to stay. But right now, with a little over a month to go, I couldn't be gladder that I am here. Now I can know that when I walk across the stage on May 16, I will have taken all the obstacles this place has presented me, conquered them, and kept coming back for more until I finished. However, for a long time I had a bitter disdain for all things VMI. This probably stemmed from the shock I had during the ratline that this place was not all it was built up to be (or at least that I had built it up to be in my mind). The public image of this place is nothing like what goes on behind the walls of barracks and that still bothers me to some degree. But, I have come to accept that no institution is perfect, and the way things are around here is much better than what goes on at a typical school. Sometimes I think about what my life would be like if I had not come here. I'll never know the answer to that, but I do know that right now I'm looking back with no regrets. No regrets about coming here, how I spent my time here...anything. I have worked hard for everything I have achieved. I have spent four years doing something constructive with my life, doing something that relatively few can fully understand, and I believe I have come out of it a better person.

2004: Derek Raymond

2010: T.J. Bond

5th stoop 4; corporal 3; rugby 4,3; Sgt 2; Lt. 1; Cadre 3,2,1; Golf Company 4,3,2,1.

Looking at my dyke's bomb as a rat and reading the first class histories, I thought to myself, "That's so far away." Not really. Now I've got 2 hours before I have to turn it in. The days were long, but the weeks flew by. If I could give some advice to the underclassmen, it would be to find humor in everything at the I. Whether it is the QMD, who can't replace your gym dyke shirt without measuring your inseam, or the mess hall staff who refuse to wash the dishes completely, or put out the styrofoam cups, or the numerous emails telling us that Burma Road is closed (again). Maybe it's a North Korean Communist conspiracy. We don't know. But whatever you seem to get yourself into, find some humor in it.

Finally, I'd like to say thanks to my roommates, Chris, Wes, and Brandon, for putting up with me the last three years. It has been a blast. To my rats, thanks for all you've done this year, keep working hard at everything you do. And most importantly, Mom and Dad, thank you for all of the support you have given me, I couldn't have done it without you.

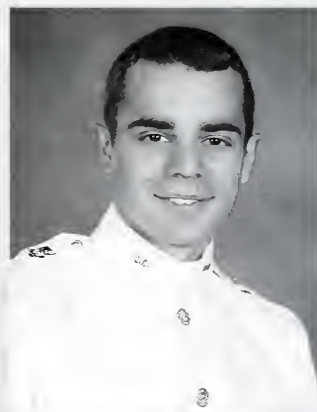
2004: Kevin Strait

2010: Owen Thulin



Ryan H. Steptoe
Woodbridge, VA

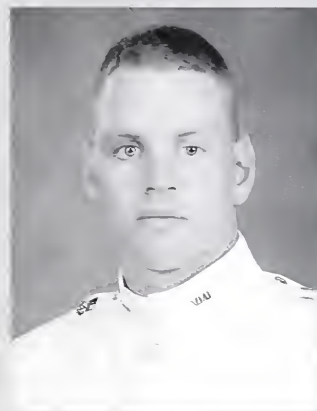
Army - International Studies



Daniel S. Stinnett

Buena Vista, VA

Air Force - History



Daniel L. Strasser
Hot Springs, VA

Army - Mechanical Engineering



Neal O. Sutliff
Mechanicsburg, PA
Army - Civil Engineering

Rat Challenge 2; Club Soccer 1; OGA 1

On a warm summer day in 2003, a small town Yankee boy from the hills of south central Pennsylvania walked right back into the time of southern secession with cries of "the South will rise again" all around him. He didn't know if he would ever make it out alive. Now four years later, that small town Yankee boy now hollers those same southern cries. Looking back over those last four years, I am flooded with memories of people and places that have meant the most in my life. From the boys in Bravo, to the C.E. crew, and most importantly to room 132, I will never forget the bonds we have made. No matter what, I will always remember two man toga parties, falling down stairs in movie theatres, wearing cowboy hats while sledding at JMU, Braveheart faces at basketball games, and all the other great times we shared.

2004: Rob Wilson
2010: Rob Baker



Daniel R. Swift
Richmond, VA
Navy - Psychology

Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; NCMT Staff 3; Strength and Fitness Club 3; Bodybuilding Club 2; Private 3,2, 1; VMI Foundation Call Center 1

Our last year... When we stood in the New Barracks courtyard on matriculation day, we were told that the odds were good that the person to the left or to the right would not last at VMI. Those of us that have endured and pushed forward can look back over the past few years with a triumphant attitude. We have endured the humiliation of rat year and the boredom of 3rd class year to enjoy the thrill of Ring Figure as seconds and the anticipation of graduation. Brother rats, I urge you to relish your accomplishment, but be ready for the world ahead. It's a big place and you have to hit the ground running. It's been a great four years and I wish all of you the best.

"When a thing is done, it's done. Don't look back. Look forward to your next objective." -George C. Marshall

Thanks Chris and Tony for putting up with me over the years. Carrie, you've been my anchor and my motivation in my last year and I can't thank you enough for that.

2004: Bryan Faison
2010: Mike Duffy and Eric Brigham



Steven K. Sykes
Dutton, VA
Navy - Economics/Business

Steve played guitar

2004: Joshua Wright
2010: Jacob Cox, Kyle Nweeia

Class of

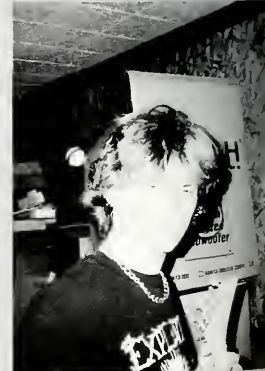
O-Face, Sketchy McSketch



Dan



Steve





VMI Honors Program: 4, 3, 2, 1; College Democrats: 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society: 2, 1; Big Brother/ Big Sister Program: 2, 1; Academic Mentor: 1; Volleyball Club: 1; Rank: Battalion Color Corporal, 3; Regimental S-2 Sgt, 2; Platoon Lieutenant, 1.

After much deliberation, I have chosen not to write a long, drawn-out reflection of my cadetship, but instead will say only this—I am extremely fortunate to have stumbled across this great Institute and its community. It has given me immeasurable knowledge to survive, indestructible friendships on which to forever trust, and an unstoppable determination to succeed. And now, at the request of my friends, I want to leave those remaining at the Institute with the words of men far greater than I am today:

Always remember who you are and where you come from. —Harry S. Truman
Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure. —Thomas Edison
You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today. —Abraham Lincoln
Don't fight the problem, decide it. —George C. Marshall
A good lesson in keeping your perspective is: Take your job seriously but don't take yourself seriously. —Thomas "Tip" O'Neill
It doesn't matter if a cat is black or white, so long as it catches mice. —Deng Xiaoping

Some personal favorites that I quote often:
Don't be a man by night and a boy by day. —Anonymous
Paint don't make it run. —Anonymous
The heat's in the tools. —Anonymous
Only whores make money in bed. —Anonymous

2004: Kent Monas
2010: John Maurice

Fifth Stoop 4; Club Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Rugby 1; Strength and Fitness 2; ASCE Secretary 2,1; TGMS 3; Private 4,3,2; Lieutenant 1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1

To be quite honest, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to write as my history for the longest time. I looked back to my dykes' bomb and read their histories, and found one profound thing that helped them all make it through the long four years at VMI. That one thing is friendship. Throughout my time here, I have made the best friends in the world. Our bonds of friendship here are not based on trivial college life like parties or socials, but rather trust. The one thing that keeps me holding on sometimes at this school is knowing that if I ever needed help, or a favor, I can walk a few short feet and ask any one of my friends for help, and get it with no questions asked. To my roommates, we have had our ups and downs but I couldn't have made it without you guys, and I wish you all luck as we prepare to leave this place. I would like to thank my dykes for teaching me how to survive at VMI, and how to know who your true friends are. To all of my other friends, thank you for always being there for me and know that no matter what, I will always be there at a moments notice. Thank you "Summer Crew 2006," for the best summer of my life and thank you "First Class Crew" for the countless weekends of fun this past year, I will never forget them or you all. To all of you CE's, you are the greatest people at VMI and without each other, I don't know if we would have made it through. To my rats, keep pressing on, and like my dyke told me, if you work as hard at VMI as you did for your dykes you will be fine. KB, you are the best; this past year has been great because of you. Finally, I would like to thank my family for helping me get through all four years and for your constant encouragement. I love you all.

2004: Mike Corso
2010: Matt Sculley, Scott MacDonald

Theatre 4,3,2,1; Newspaper 4,3,2; Yearbook 2,1; Big Brother 3; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 2,1; TGMS 2,1; Fencing 3,2; Bodybuilding 2; Corporal 3; Lieutenant 1

Thanks for everything Mom and Dad.



John A. Terminato
Avella, PA
Army - History



Vestopher, Schwesley



Yo-shua, Worm



2004: Brad Haywood
2010: Justin Tench



Wesley A. Thomas
Norfolk, VA
Navy - Civil Engineering



Joshua L. Thompson
Yorktown, VA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Robert B. P. Thompson Jr.
Fredericksburg, VA
Army - Psychology



Andrew E. Timpner
Rochester Hills, MI
Navy - History



Nicholas J. Tommaso
Carle Place, NY
Army - History

Body Building 3,2,1; Corporal 3; Master Sergeant 2; Hotel XO 1; Ranger Company 1;

Well what a quick four years! I don't even know where to begin. I guess I should start off by thanking my parents for giving me the opportunity to come to this school. Lord only knows the sacrifices that you have made throughout my life and those you will continue to make, THANK YOU! Too my roommates thanks for putting up with me, my OCD and my academic abilities or lack thereof. Tater Tot seriously that woman has a leash around your neck, but tell her Josh and I are still down for whatever (you know I had to say something). Ian and all the other rats in the room, thanks for everything this year. The place sucks, but stay the course. I promise it is worth it at the end. As a heads up to all the underclassman, my brother is coming next year (Thompson WC) so I expect you to give him hell! Everyone says that VMI is a great place to be from and not at. But I disagree. Yes for the most part the place is horrible, and as much as I'm ready to get out of here I cannot imagine another place that I will be surrounded by such a large group of people that I consider my closest friends. The memories and stories that we share will be with me forever. I really do consider you my "brothers", and that daily sense of brotherhood is the one thing that I will miss the most! Good luck to you all and keep in touch!!!

2004: Josh Thompson
2010: Ian Black

Pipe Band, 4,3,2,1; Missions from VMI, 2,1; Canterbury Club, 4,3,2,1; Center for the Study of the Presidency, 1; Society for the Promotion of Welsh Awareness, 4,3,2,1; Private, 4,3,2,1; CEA, 1; Institute Honors Program, 3,2,1; History Honors Program, 2,1; Phi Alpha Theta, 3,2,1; Sigma Delta Pi, 2,1.

Walking through Jackson Arch is a lot like walking through the Wardrobe: the oddest things seem normal here. And yet, since I walked through it for the first time as a Rat on 16 August 2003 until now, I can honestly say it was the best decision of my life. The experiences I have had here and far away that this place has made possible have truly changed my life. For the better, I like to think.

Were it not for my family, Mom, Dad, and Ashley, I could not have made it. Thank you for supporting me through thick and thin, good times and bad. Thank you to my dyke, Chipper Woodruff. You made me, man. Pretty much all I've done here (good and bad--though mostly good) can be traced back to you, Jimmy, and Jeff somehow. Thanks to all my roommates through the years, Clay, Deuntay, Brant (we all made it!), Taylor, Larry, Byron, Brad, and Jon. My codykes, Stretch (the once and future Keydet), Laura, Jen, and Blue. I've been blessed to have you as brother rats and friends. Rats, you've come a long way; try to remember what we taught you (at least the good parts!) and stick it out. Pain is so temporary; what you do with it, though, will teach you who you are.

AMDG.

2004: Chipper Woodruff
2010: Alex Wade, Brandon Page

Rat Challenge Cadre 3; Ranker 3,2,1; Weight Room Assistant 2,1; RDC 1; Body Building Club 2,1; Rugby 4; Hater 4,3,2,1

"You're all a bunch of **%#@!\$! assholes, you know why? You don't have the guts to be what you want to be. You need people like me. You need people like me so you can point your **%#@!\$! fingers and say that's the bad guy. So what does that make you? Good, you're not good; you just know how to hide a lie. Me, I don't have that problem. Me, I always tell the truth, even when I lie. So say goodnight to the bad guy, come on. This is the last time you are going to see a bad guy like this again, let me tell you. Go on; make way for the bad guy. There is a bad guy coming through, you better get out of his way."

This is to the people and they know who they are, that get away with murder here at my beloved Institute, whether you were on the Honor Court and kicked people out for things you would do, or if you were on the OGA and broke your own rules, this is for you who dated in the Corps and had intimate relations with the opposite or same sex within my four walls and brought low morale and mistrust amongst your brother rats, and helped with the chipping away of the last strong hold against political correctness. This is to the administration for pointing their fingers at people who wanted nothing more but to keep this school sacred and honest and to the cadets who put the school behind their own personal interests. This is to you who did not have the courage to handle situations amongst cadets like men, may God have mercy on you because we all know when you wake up in the morning and look at yourself in the mirror, you cringe. Here is to my friends, we are a dying breed, the last of our kind; here is to you and to fighting the good fight. May God help VMI and may he bless the Virginia Military Institute. Dragons!

2004: Jason Boone
2010: Brian Cvengros

Class of

ROB



Evil



Nick





Jay



Matt



W, Trow-Troop, Toolbridge



To describe my time here at VMI in a few paragraphs would be an a task cabable by only those who are a master of words. Needles to say I am not one of those people. But there are many things that do need to be said. To my dyke Nate, I couldn't have asked for a better dyke, you were always there when I needed you even now that you're in Iraq. You still have an influence on me to this day, you taught me the ins, the outs, and the most effective way to work out a rat. Chris you always provided the entertainment wether it was playing worms armagendon or wrestling with me and Brandon hanging with you is never boring. If it had not been for you two then I might not have made it. Taylor and Dan, I still can't belive that the two of you put up with me for three years, all the stupid arguments and that particularly pungent odor tha thung around our room. John Pool I will always rember wild bill and the Ross Road rangers during the summer of thrid class year. Doughton I will find some way to come and bother you after we graduate. Meclory you're one of the most scandalous journalist I know, keep pushing the limits, your the only other person that I know of who pulls as many all nighters as I do. To my rat ties especially Mike, this was the easy part, thrid class year will be the worst year of your lives, especially Mike. I forse you sepending half of it on confeigment, just like your dyke and my dyke before me. All of you have juat what it takes to make it through here, it will get tough at times and you will want to quit, but always keep driving on. Rember your dykes are here for you and will always be here for you. Mom and Dad thank you for putting up with me for so many years I hope I have made you proud of me by graduating from VMI. As my time at VMI comes to a close, and I begin the next chapter of my life, I look back on these past four years and one statment comes to mind. That VMI is a bad place to be but a great place to be from, and every one's cadetship is basically "good times bad place".

2004: Nate Joslyn, Chris Johnson
2010: Mike Long, Aaron McKeen, TJ Bond

Academic Mentor 3,2,1; Post Tour Guide 3,2,1; Strength and Fitness 2,1; Lieutenant 1

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me through the years and helped me get to this point in my life, graduation and commissiioning. I would especially like to thank my Dad, Jim, without your support and encouragement as well as your inspiration I would never be where I am today. Some other really special thanks go to my mother, my mom, and my brother and sisters who have been a tremendous source of support for me without which I would not be able to succeed in anything. Thank you. Finally I would like to thank all my wonderful roommates throughout the years, Corey Bafford, Sean Day, Grant Pfeiffer, Neal Sutliff, Dave Riedel and last but certainly not least, the man whose wonders never cease, Justin Trowbridge. It has been a great time living with all these good guys and I know our friendships will continue long into the future. Thanks a lot!

2004: Jeff Van Cleave
2010: Josh Dixon

Bulldog PLT 2,1; RDC 2; RDC VP 1; Cadre CPL 3; MSGT 2; 2nd BATTN CO 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3; F-Troop 4,3,2,1

Well....that's that. I love VMI because of what it's done for me and turned me into, despite the fact that I have truly hated the past four years. I have spent the majority of them loathing the changes that I have seen made here during my short time as a cadet and my inability to reverse them. I also haven't particularly cared for the majority of the people I have met here.

So why do I say all this now? Well there's not much use in saying it before I graduate. I can't stand people who whine and complain and who can't shut their mouths and just suck things up. I'm not about to become one, but I figure what the hell, might as well get rid of any saved rounds.

I grew up a great deal here, and I can only hope that you all do the same. I have always been humbled by this place.

To all those that have gone before, I am ready to step up from the long gray line into your ranks.

To all those to come, I hope that you find what it is you're looking for here as I did.

To my brothers, you will go un-named because you know who you are. Be the men that you've always wanted to be; be proud of who and what you are, what this place has turned you into. Know that I will be there always for any of you, to share in your triumphs and your darkest hours.

God bless VMI and this great country.

2004: Harley Paul Jennings
2010: Robert McMullen, Dogucan Mazicioglu



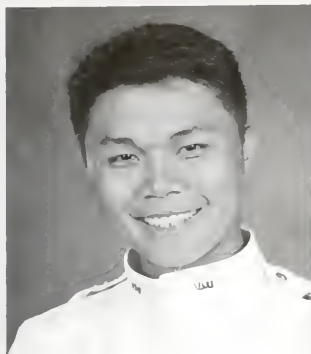
John A. Tomsyck
Reston, VA
Army - Chemistry



Matthew J. Treadwell
Riverside, CA
Air Force - Biology



Justin M. Trowbridge
Williamsburg, VA
Marine Corps - Civil Engineering



Ming-Yeh Tsai

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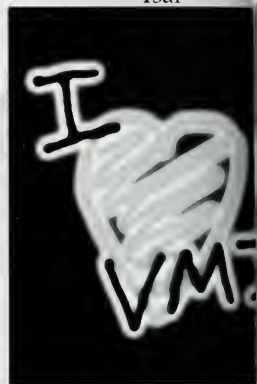
Class of



Michael L. Tudor
Mechanicsville, VA
Army - Psychology

Club Soccer 4,3,2,1; EMT 2,1; Lexington Firefighters-CIC 2,1; Law Enforcement Club 1; English Society 3

I have had some great experiences and met some awesome people over the past four years. I have had many opportunities to do things here at VMI that I would have never had the chance to do anywhere else. For that, I think my parents and my grandparents for supporting me through VMI. Ultimately, it is my friends that I owe my greatest thanks, especially my roommates, the corner, Club 376, and the infamous 248. Of course, we all know that there are three things that you do not do. Just ask Colin, Brant, and Zac...148 for life.



Tsai

Mike



Stephen



Stephen H. Turner
Timonium, MD
Marine Corps - International

Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3,2; Corporal 3; OpSgt 2; A1 2

Here's to the worst four years of my life. But I made it through and met some good people along the way. Unfortunately VMI has gone the way of many institutions in society and has become too concerned with image and politics. But regardless, I suppose I am better for having endured all the worthless crap at this school.

To all my family and friends, Mom, Dad, Shell, Liz, Tim, Grams, Uncle Tom and everyone else, thanks for everything and for always being there for me. I know I'm not the easiest person to deal with, especially when I get frustrated with this place, but thanks for all your love and support, I couldn't have done it without you.

To Big Bobby D, I couldn't have asked for a better dyke. You've been a great mentor and friend. To my rattie Troutie, keep the dykeline strong. You're a good rat and don't let this place get the best of you. To all the other rats, the worst is behind you, just always try and do the right thing.

To all my roomies and codykes, thanks for everything. Edwincito and B-Ham, I'm sorry we didn't get a chance to finish up together but I love you guys and I hope you see this thing through. Anferny, best of luck to you next year; you are legally retarded for staying another year, but I know you're going to destroy next season (as long as you don't break your foot, get arrested, or succumb to yellow fever). Sean Pat, I hate you with every fiber of my being, but we've been through a lot together, from forty Fridays to weekends at CP; aliens, nightmares, indoor mini golf, and of course the deuce deuces behind brick walls. But through thick and thin, I hate you Sean Pat and I always will.

To those of you at this school I actually care about, best of luck and I'll catch ya'll at happy hour. Smell ya later.

2004: Robert Downey
2010: Uriah Trout





Matt



ef, Sleezy, Squirrel, Tree hugger



Mira



No one outside of VMI could ever understand what it truly is like to go to school here. All we can do is smile politely and patiently try to explain something that cannot be put into words. After surviving the Rat Line, wading through all the neck-high bullshit in the Commandant's Office, suffering the whips of slave driving professors, and, occasionally, enjoying a well earned weekend of unbridled freedom, I found one thing never changed: my Brother Rats were always there beside me. I can't imagine ever walking through Jackson Arch without my BR's. It's been one hell of a ride y'all, and a small part of me is actually sad to see it end; but then again...

To my roommates & close friends: it's been amazing. Crazy trips to the beach, supporting each other on the way back from Malone's on icy winter nights, and sometimes kicking me in the butt when I felt like slacking off...thanks. Caleb, I couldn't have asked for a better Rat.

Mom, Dad...I love you.

Two final thoughts:

-I pray that when I return to VMI, I will be proud of the Institute that I see and not disappointed at what it has become.

-The next time I visit The Palms, I'll be the guy buying a round for everyone in a grey blouse!

2004: Joe DiDomenico

2010: Caleb Dixon

These past four years have been quite a journey for me. In searching for joy, I found God, and in knowing God, I found myself. It has truly been a wild ride. I will not try to summarize my cadetship, because I cannot. My cadetship has been filled with many different emotions about this place that were constantly changing, but a few things remained constant: God, friends, and family. The truth about VMI is that many people are miserable their whole cadetship because they cannot reconcile with themselves why they are even at a place like this. In regards to that, I have learned a bit of incite: until you can answer the question "Why am I here on this earth?" you won't have a stammering chance of coming up with a convincing answer to "Why am I here at VMI?" But once you have answered the first question, the second one simply becomes less important. God offers us what all else fails to deliver: joy and fulfillment, which overcomes all else... including the miseries of VMI.

I have been very fortunate to have great support from my parents and my siblings: Kim, Jonas, Jeremy, Jacob, and Matt & Peter. Also, I am eternally thankful for my friends here, at the Mother I, for being so awesome and helping me grow up... a little. All of my friendships have deeply impacted me and will not be forgotten.

Peace and Love,
JVC

Soccer 07: Ted, 2tone, Winsper-rat, DJ "skinny wheels", Iron "nose bleed" Mike, and Clydesdale

Roommates: Robert Ernest Brooke III, Mike, Chuck, Sean

"What can we gain by sailing to the moon if we are not able to cross the abyss that separates us from ourselves? This is the most important of all voyages of discovery, and without it, all the rest are not only useless, but disastrous."- Thomas Merton

2004: Hrvoje Glasnovic

2010: Zachary Collins, Connor Ross

Boxing 3,2,1; Big Sister/Big Brother 2,1; International Club 2

For any one that knows me, I hated this place with everything that I have. Though I have to admit, that if it weren't for this place I probably wouldn't be as appreciative for things in life. I have had to go through some of the hardest times in my life here, but in every one of those instances I've learned from them, which has made me stronger. VMI brought me and my family closer, I've learned a lot about life these past four years, and hopefully they will prepare me for the worst.

I am thankful and love my parents who even though they told me I could always come home, they were always supportive and helped me through the hard times with awesome care packages. I also thank my friends inside and outside of VMI, without you, I probably would have gone insane and blown up the school. KK you are my absolute best friend, you have always been there for me, with school, relationships, life in general without you I don't know how I'd ever have made it. Col.Caulkins I really thank you for pushing me my third class year with boxing, when it felt that no one else wanted me to be there you pushed me to do what I thought I never could do. The Bio people, our late nights of studying, and the tons of mt.dew consumed, I can't say that I'll miss the studying but nothing can replace the time spent in those labs conversing about everything. Without you guys those nights would have killed probably all of us.

There will always be Easter Break! Road trips to who knows where, endless nights to Malone's where I threatened to kill the bartender, and just stupid acts of idiocy that cadets are required to do.

2004: JB Rosson

2010: Angie Gomez, Jennifer Cook



Matthew E. Upchurch
Yorktown, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Joshua Van Cleef
Detroit, MI

Air Force - Psychology



Mira A. Y. Veis
Arlington, VA

Navy - Biology



Kevin F. Vik
Eagle River, Alaska
Marine Corps - Biology



Christopher L. Waddell
Roanoke, VA
Navy- History



Maitlin D. Wade
Madison Heights, VA
Marine Corps - Electrical Engineering

Swimming 4,3,2,1

I'd first like to thank James S. Maggoffin '39 for giving me the opportunity to attend VMI. I'd also like to thank my parents and brothers who have supported me, and motivated me, I couldn't have made it without you. To the room of 121, Nick, Tim, and Pete, it's been a blast and I will miss you all. All of the rats of 121.....I'm going to miss not having to clean up after myself and of course your companionship. I can best describe my experience here with the following quote, "It's not about how hard you hit, but how hard you can hit and keep moving forward."

2004: Jesse Seguin
2010: Brock Olson

Rugby 4,3,2,1; Big Brother/Big Sister 3,2; Yearbook 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; IHFTF 4,3,2,1

This place is unique. And it has finally hit me sitting here writing my bio knowing I'll be graduating. It was rough and something I'd never do again, but glad I did.

First, I would like to thank my family. Without them, this place would have been a lot more miserable than it was. You all were beside me 100% of the time both good and bad and I owe you everything I accomplished these last four years. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Secondly, Brandon, Dan and Wes we have seen good times and bad and you always were there for me. You all picked me up when I was down and we had some great times these last three years. I couldn't have done it without you all. You all are my dearest friends and to you I can finally say "Cheers, we've done it." Thanks for everything.

Rats, you have a lot to live up to. Remember what we have taught you and these next three years will be a breeze. I have total confidence in you all.

To the rugby team: you all kept me sane in this place and I have made some great friends and memories I'll never forget. Keep on winning and being the best team on post. I'll see you at the next Alumni game. Until then keep having fun and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

Now I can truly say I've done it. To everyone else I didn't mention, thank you. You have made the time here worth it and I'll never forget the times we've had.

Keep on trucking,
Chris

2004: James Volosin
2010 MacDonald, Robertson, Sculley, Stark, Thulin

Rugby 4; Bloodmobile 3,2,1; Big Brother/Big Sister 1; Charlie Company 5th Corporal; Operations Sergeant; Regimental S1 Lieutenant

First off, I would like to say congratulations to the Class of 2007. It has truly been a hell of a ride over these past four years. Thanks to all my Brother Rats who have been there for me through thick and thin; without y'all I truly don't think I would have made it this far. Thanks to my family, who supported my decision to come to VMI from day one. They say hindsight is 20/20, but sitting here writing this, looking back on everything now, is probably one of the hardest things I've had to do realizing all the good times I'm going to miss. No matter what anybody says, VMI has been the best experience I have ever been a part of. Ring Figure was a blast and gave rise to "The Pantless One", the Hockey weekends were amazing (including the "Hockey Weekend" that will go down in infamy), and the First Class Parties were off the hook, not to mention all the other times we spent at Salerno's, Malone's, and the Palms. To my fellow EE's, our magnificent 8, I wish all of you the best of luck in everything that comes your way. You fellas are insanely smart and have become some of my closest friends, from Paul "FTS Man" Sheldon to Zack "The Hoss" Huson to John "VBS^3 Man" Lento to Shu-Chang Liu, ya'll are truly closer than Brothers. To all my friends in Chuck Co., we went the whole way together and even though I did get pulled out of Company the last year, you all still let me be a part of the best Company at the Institute. Jamaal, keep your 'Stunna' shades on and "Make It Raw".....best of luck and take care Brother Rats.

2004: Chip Satterlee
2010: Andrew Faulconer

Class of

Polarbear, Eskimo



Waddle



The Pantless One

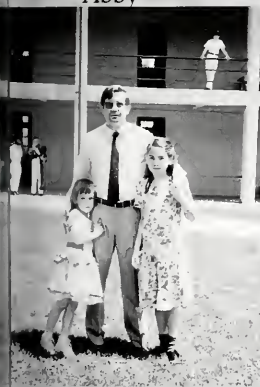




WALTON, DA PREZ, Abbit of Society



Abby



Cornhusker, Washa Maschine



First off I would just like to thank my lord and savior, my parents, family, friends, and all of the VMI community. VMI faculty, staff, coaches and employees thank you as well for the job you have done because it is much appreciated. Next I would like to thank all of my br's because without every single one of you all I would not have had this great experience at VMI. Class of 2010 again job well done and my door will always be open for anyone who needs a helping hand. '08 And '09 it's been great and I wish all of you the best. Gc members I love you guys, the bond that we share will never be broken. Keydet football it's our time to shine, bring the championship back to lexington. To the rats of room 102 remember what we taught you and remember to always dream big. Tony and Levi...I really enjoyed you guys this year and I'm so proud of you guys. Don't hesitate to call on me for anything because I'll be there. Oh yeah, the dykes are still #1 in taboo. To all of my roommates, especially Pete and Mike thanks for putting up with me and if it's anything that you need, know that I'll be there in a hurry.

From 405 to 102 VMI has helped mold me into a better person and it's time for me to move on, but I'm so proud to have made it to the final milestone. It's been great and I have so many memories, but this chapter is on its final page. Lastly, stay humble, don't let oppourtunities slip away and don't change for anybody.

If it is anything to remember me by, don't forget the smile.

2004: Peter Kent, Jason Quash, Jason Brightwell, Stan Kielczewski
2010: Tony Nweke, Levi Swindell

To my Dad, my backbone: I leave you all my memories (both good and bad) and all my trust. Thank you for believing in me.

To Mel, my oni: I leave you with all my love, laughter, tears, and deepest secrets. We've had the most abnormal childhood, but I would not have asked for anything better. You're stuck with me forever.

To Hatley, my best friend: I leave you with all my emotions and a lifetime commitment of my friendship. Thank you for being so patient with me and taking the time to really understand me. I know I will never meet anyone like you.

To Will: I leave with you my military bearing (just kidding). Thanks for laughing at my not-so-funny jokes, and helping me to get through each day here (minus second class year). You've been such a great friend to me.

To my Rats (Cathi and Mandi): I leave with you courage to endure such a ruthless place. Never let anyone, or this place, get under your skin...keep your head up.

To my roommates over the years, Anya, Cat, and Coz: I leave you all my eccentricities. Thanks for putting up with me these past few years and not judging me. I hope that we'll keep in touch forever.

To the girls of 2007: I leave you my unconditional respect. Good luck in the future.

To everyone who has touched my heart over the years, molding me into the person I am today: I leave you my ultimate gratitude.

To the Army: I give you (at least) 7 years.

To my God: I give you my life.

2004: Jonathan Hadra
2009: Amanda Moore 2010: Cathi Ecklund

7th Cpl 3; Ops. Sgt. 2; 1st Plt. Lt. 1; Marathon 1; Theater 4,3; Drill Team 3; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Philosophy Club I; Phi Alpha Theta 2,1

To my family: I can't begin to put into words my appreciation and gratitude for all your love and support these past four years. You have been the firm foundation upon which I can always rely on and accredit my success to at VMI. Mom and Dad- none of this would have been possible without you. Thank you for your never-ending love, encouragement, and especially guidance. Grandma and Granddad- no one could ask for greater grandparents. Your love and support has meant more to me than you'll ever know.

To my rat: Bess, you've been an awesome rat, you made this year worth it. I'm very proud to be your dyke. Keep up the motivation and hard work.

To my BRs: Wow, what an amazing four years. Thank you for all the memorable times you have given me and the bonds we created. I will always remember the people I had to lean on, laugh, and share the best four years of my life with.

Isaiah 30:21

2004: Ryan Shealy
2010: Elizabeth "Bess" Dobbins



Jamaal O. Walton
Virginia Beach, VA
Air Force - Biology



Abigail S. Ward
Fairfax, VA
Army - Arabic, History



Quincy M. Washa
Ogalalla, NE
Marine Corps - History



James M. Watson
Burke, VA
Air Force - English



Robert G. Weatherford
Portland, OR
Army - Chemistry



Brian J. Welch
Richmond, VA
Army - Economics & Business

Pre-Law 2; Football 4,2,1,5

As I look back on the VMI experience, my only regret is that I was unable to join my brother rats for our 3rd Class year because of the academic troubles that I endured throughout my rat year. I for one can personally attest the phenomenon of starting off as a mechanical engineer was and proving the fulfilling the prophecy that is ME: Most-likely English.

I want to thank my parents for standing behind me and giving me the encouragement to persevere and get the grades I needed to get back in and get my head above water. Your love and support mean the world to me. Without it I would have not been able to return to the institute for my 2nd class year and receive my ring at Ring Figure with my class, which truly means so much to me. To Laura Ann: thank you for always being by my side. You have my love forever and always. Our future is approaching rapidly.

The Dyke Line, as it has been called jokingly around barracks for years, was not easy either, but proved to be a memorable as well as enjoyable experience. Congratulations to my rats, Even Rogers and Zach Williams for persevering and conquering the Rat line. Be the Master of your fate and Captain of your soul. Keep up the good work guys and make your dykes class proud with the success you will achieve in the future. Keep our dyke line strong and uphold the traditions that we tried to instill in you. Brian thanks for being the best roommate a guy could have. Thanks for the laughs and the memories. I'll be sure to keep in touch. To all the real friends that I have made throughout the years, thank you for making this experience enjoyable.

Lastly, I will always represent the old corps traditions that are sacred to Hollywood Hotel Company. I will never forget the Party Corner, fiery stoops, and our esteemed battle cry: Hotel + (a word that is similar to Virginia and that Hotel Company gets a lot more outside of school than that of Alpha Company)!!!! To those of you who have lost your Hollywood way, keep your head up, and have a drink on me. All grudges have been forgotten and I wish everyone in the Class of 2007 the best of luck in all your endeavors and a safe return home to all our brother rats that are deployed or will deploy in the near future. INVICTUS

2004: Noah Diehl
2010: Even Rogers, Zach Williams

Cadet Chaplain 1; Cadre 3; Religious Activities Committee 3,2; Chemistry Research 3,2,1

At first I was going to use this space to talk about the injustices of the Institute and how hard the year had been. Then I realized a few things. One, five years from now I will look back very fondly on my time here despite whatever my feelings are now. Two, God is still at work in my life and there is no need to perpetuate the bitterness that he is removing from me. And three, I want my kids to someday read this and know that these four years were worth it (Please don't come here). So I have just a few statements:

To my Brother Rats—You are the only reason I am proud to be from VMI. I think about why I didn't go to another school, I think of you. You are some of the highest quality people I will ever know.

To my Rats—Thank you for your service and for bearing with your Dykes as they practiced leadership on you. Despite all the things that have come from my mouth, I really do believe that four years here has its benefits.

To the people of Lexington (and the rest of Rockbridge County)—This is for all those people who have been so generous to me. Your kindness has made my time at VMI so much easier. You are the reason I can say that I consider this area my home.

To Robert, Andrew, and Jed—You have been such consistent friends. I have shared many troubles and many joys with each of you. Thank you for your continuing, unconditional friendship. I know this is not the end for us.

To the Woman I love—You have changed my life and I can't wait to spend the rest of it with you. Next year will pass by fast and before you know it we'll be standing at the altar together!

2004: Anthony Peters
2010: Luke Clementson, Jarrod Imatani

Cross-Country 4,3,2,1; Track and Field 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1

Looking back it's hard to believe that my time here is coming to an end. The last four years have been some of the toughest, but at the same time the greatest in my life. I have been challenged more than ever, and have made some of the greatest friends. Though we will leave this place and go our separate ways we will always have that common thread that keeps us together. While I won't miss the bad times, I will remember the good times I had and the people who helped me along the way. Remembering those late nights in the Scott Ship...endless workouts....the dump truck....all prep league room...sneak attack...

2004: Ryan Walker
2010: Jon Buckland

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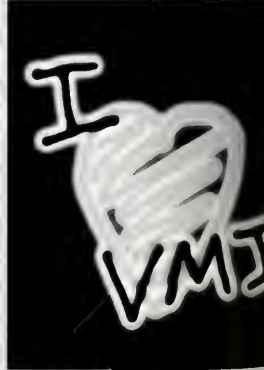
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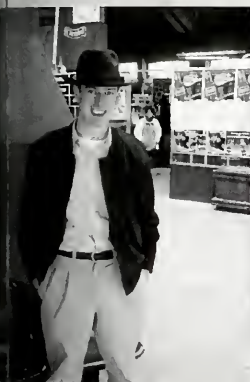


Addendum to the 2007 Bomb

Our apologies to Mr. Saunders, whose picture and profile were inadvertently omitted, and to Mr. Wilhite, whose profile was substituted by another cadet's. Here are the corrected versions to be included in your personal yearbook.

Cadet Private- 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge- 3, 2, 1; Academic Stars: 3, 2, 1; Palms: 1

he Snake, English,
Famoso Phil



The last four years have been the most challenging experience of my life, but I have few complaints to write about. Although there have been many hardships at V.M.I., I always had friends, family, and mentors who helped me along the way. Indeed, no man develops in a vacuum, so I hope this narrative acknowledges everyone who helped me become the person I am today.

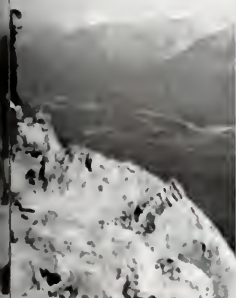
Of my family, I cannot overstate their insight and support; especially from my father, my grandfather, and my cousin William. Their respective fortitude, motivation, and example gave me the courage to seek out V.M.I., and the resilience to stay. Of my friends at the Institute, I will always remember my dykes Matt and Steve for teaching me how to succeed at V.M.I. and never "tap out", no matter how rough things get. Lastly, I must acknowledge my roommates Dan, Steve, and Chris; along with the men of Bravo company. It has been an honor to live with you over the years, and I hope we will stay in touch long after graduation.

After four years of traveling the world, doing things I never thought possible, and making mistakes; I am ready to move on. Wherever my endeavors take me, I will always remember my years at the Institute and those who carry on the legacy of our class. To David and the rats of room 107: Work hard, don't sweat the small stuff, and don't let The Man get you down.

2004- Matthew C. Park & Stephen Varanko
2010- David Messina

Private 4,3,2,1; Hotel 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3; Ice Hockey 2; Banff 2,1; Hater 4,3,2,1; W&L SEAL Club 1;

Bretsky

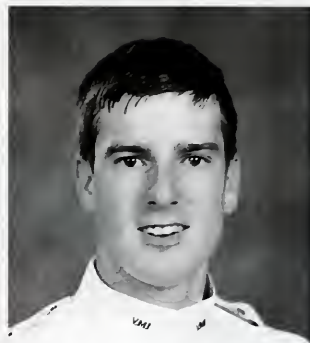


Well what can be said to sum up such an experience? For reasons unknown or simply intangible, I have always wanted to be a product of this Institute. And sure, it may not have been the most enjoyable experience at times, but I am fortunate to have gone through it with incredible dedication and support from family and friends. Marms and Dad - though I think we can thank Mr. Ishon for getting me in here, it was your parenting skills that got me through, especially the eight hour drives for the two hour visits.

The time I spent here could not have been done without the friends I have accumulated along the way. To my roommates... the brothers I never had: Lex Restaurant breakfasts, JBC orders, our kitchen appliance-filled room, and my love/hate relationship with the Edelweiss German Restaurant. Anthony, keep doin' work. Nick, my sleepmaster. Eric, I'll never quit you. And finally, Gregory, how I'll always wonder what it's like in your world. To my rat, Jake: you've done well, keep up the hard work and keep in touch. Remember, you can always come to me with your questions. Always. Oh, and please, please, keep Thomas out of trouble.

I only hope that my experience will one day pay off. Now comes the mystery.

2004- David Poldiak
2010- Jake Weimer



Phillip Lee Saunders Jr.
Suffolk, VA
History



Bret R. Wilhite
Hershey, PA
Navy - English & Environmental
Leadership and Management





Danny

There is a lot to be said about my experience at VMI; but a few things stick out in my mind. My four years here have flown by, despite excruciatingly long days the months seemed to pass faster than the weeks. Perhaps it is because I always had something to do or somewhere to go. I never really bought into the military style of VMI, but I don't regret my time here as I have learned a lot and made a lot of good friends.

I have been through a few good roommates and a few bad ones but I could always count on John to dirty my sink. For all of them that didn't make it I wish them the best. John, I'm sure you'll never change and I hope you don't, you could always make me laugh and I'm glad I found someone to room with who shared my love of being silly.

Leave no doubt that Hotel company is the best on the hill, shiny or not. Whoever decided the company rosters back in 2003 knew what they were doing when they put me in Hollywood. I will never forget my friends here as I'm sure they will remember that I tried to put a smile on everyone's face.

I would like to thank my family for all of their support. You always gave me something to look forward to when I came home and with your visits. Dad, you have been an inspiration as to how a good man should live his life and Mom, you are the sweetest lady I know and your cooking is the best part of coming home. Finally, I would like to thank my grandparents who have always given me their love and support.

2004: John Povogel
2010: Daniel Northcraft

To my dyke: Daniel, until this year I didn't realize what it was like from your perspective. The rats really don't know anything and I guess I didn't either. To the rest of my dyke's: Eric, John, Ryan, and even you Bob Phongsai "Heeeeeeeeh!" I ended my time in the infamous 123.

To my rats: Lowell "Bobo" Patterson, the name says it all. Ryan "Doc" Crean, spaz to badass all in one moment "Breakout". "Make Bobo do it," and "Now the girls will never make out with me." Not to forget that goofy freaking smile that always shows itself even in the worst of moments. Remember the good times and keep them going, be yourself and always seize the opportunity cause it only comes once and it only leaves even quicker.

Roomies 354, 334, 206, and 123: C-Bear, yeah that's me because cinnamon isn't sweet and I'm the meanest bear in the forest. BEEEE! I will miss you buzzing around in your little bee shirt, that shiesty smile you have after a good nap, keeping me awake with your flutulence, and of course your huge legs, underwear, black socks, and low-quarters. Curtis, hey das a d___ girl gimme dat, I got bees on my head, Chuck is a prick, is that pork-rinds of bob dawson's, and hey is that the trainer in your uniform? Harvey, shut up! Just kidding, have fun in Richmond and you can keep your underwear. Payne stop smiling at me, and take your shirt off before your underwear. Paul where is the bus, is that pizza on the wall, yes SGM these are all our speakers, I'm gonna pepper spray Worek, and if some one asks if you're a god you say yes. Winsper, you were just there sometimes. We accumulated more 0-1-5s from the Blakster than anyone in barracks, we're loud, our room stinks, but let's face it we're the best there is.

To VMI: I hate you, you made my life miserable, but somehow I will miss you and the things you secretly instill in us. It's been real, and rowdy. Just the way I like it.

2004: Daniel Belzer

Shaft Miner: 4; VMI Drinking Team: 4,3,2,1; Corps Private: 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter: 4,3; Pool Assistant: 1;

The last four years have had their ups and downs... but unquestionably VMI has had a major influence on me. While, I will not miss most of the crap that this place flings at us (like drunken monkeys at the zoo), I will miss my BR's, especially my roommates and those from Echo Co. I probably wouldn't have lasted here with out their help. I'm sure I have learned some sort of life lessons here, whether they are from the time me and a few BR's ran from Post Police coming back from a frat party at W&L 3rd class year, or maybe from the multiple trips to JMU and Radford 2nd class year... I will miss the bonding experience I have had with some of my illustrious roommates while contemplating taking over the world, and sharing time on confinement. I have had some really fun times here, and some really depressing times here, but overall, the people that you meet here make it all worth it, and the guilty entertainment of breaking all the rules (except the big 4) will provide me with enough memories for a lifetime. I wish all of my BR's good luck in their endeavors, and I hope we all keep in touch! Some of the greatest people I have ever met have been here at the "Mother I."

I also want to thank my family for supporting me while I have been here and in my future plans as well.

2004: Frank Toomey
2010: Chad Sarganovich



Bret R. Wilhite
Williamsburg, VA
Navy - Civil Engineering



Andrew B. Williams
Willmington, NC
Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



David M. Williams
Beaver, PA
Army - History



C-Bear, Andy



Dave



Class of



Matthew A. Williams
Southport, NC
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Charles J. Williamson
Chester, VA
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Rhys D. Williams
Houston, TX
Marine Corps - Economics/Business

Rat Challenge Cadre 3, 2,1; CTA 2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1

For me to summarize my stay here in under 200 words would surely be a failed attempt at conveying a total life transformation. It is an honor to be a part of the last class to ever experience breakout hill; I only wish that tradition could have carried on to my rat's class. I would not be graduating without the help of seven devoted teammates in the EE department- seven drunken, loud, hilarious, destructive, questionable, and amazing teammates. Thank you guys, from the heart of my bottom, and always stay focused like you're hunting a TIGER! or some other popular form of feline. Doc: you know me far better than most, and I'm sure that's a fact you'd like to forget at times. Go ahead, poke me, I still won't believe in you. Zola, you know me as well as Doc does, but still no green card for you. Gypsy lover. Steve, man, we did it- the CD sounds awesome and I can't wait to see where it takes us. To all my Air Force guys (and gals): See you soon for the next round of four years spent together. And Sarah, I am amazed at how in love with you I truly am. Thank you for always being my muse, my love, and my best friend.

2004: Gary Lewin
2010: Andrew Fleenor

Rifle Team 4,3,2; Big Brother 3; Marathon Club 2

CJ has added quite an interesting perspective to my life while living with him for the past three years. He's always had the best grades of everyone I know, is proud to be a first class private, and enjoys every chance to miss out on parade when the band has too many bass drum players. But don't let his lax schedule fool you on who this character is. At Fork Union CeeYay was Band XO and a member of the honor court, later he would go to VCU. At "regular" college this fellow was living it up as a member of some random fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, but was also failing out of school.

CJ made a change in himself and decided to don the dazzling uniform of a VMI Keydet. He came here, became a ghost rat, joined the rifle team, got straight A's, and rarely received a demerit. This kind of behavior can only be tolerated for so long, so regrettably I have to admit to saying that I was pleased when CJ got up from one of his three daily naps, lasting 9 hours each, to go work off PT's. Typically Ceej isn't on confinement, and this allows him to participate in his extracurricular activities. You probably haven't seen Williamson on post engaged in these activities and that's probably because his activities go by the name of Andrea, Barbara, Casey, Emily, Heather, Jenna, etc. etc.

I wish CJ best of luck using his "real world" engineering skills, working for the largest Nuclear Power company in the world. I'm sure the LTC Smoking Post has taught him well.

It is hard to believe that four years at the Institute have come and gone so quickly. It seemed as if it would never end. There is absolutely no way that I could have done it without my father. He has been there for me since I arrived at the "I". He could've easily given up on me before I arrived at the institute, but never doubted me once, always claimed that I was going to be a good man, better than him even. Thanks especially to him and the rest of my family. Thanks 182 for all of the good times!

2004: Chad Martin
2010: Justin Minter

Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Cadet Battery 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 2,1; The Cadet 2

I've chosen the "hard way" most of my life so I guess it wasn't much of a surprise when I decided to come to VMI. Along the way I've come to understand what VMI is "supposed to be" and what VMI "really is" and it has left me disappointed in many ways. That being said, in the end VMI is what you make it and the friends you make here. And most importantly, to me, it's about loyalty.

I am proud to be here at VMI and I will be proud to be from VMI and I owe my success to many special people. My family has been there for me the whole way when I was at the bottom and the top of my game and for that I am forever indebted to them. My fiancée has been an unwavering source of support since we met and no words can convey how fortunate I am to be able to spend the rest of my life with my best friend and companion. My co-dykes Steve Turner and Anthony Menas have become two of my best friends over the last few years and I feel very lucky to have known them and hold them as friends. Finally, Alex Menas has become a great friend to me, one who understands the true meaning of Semper Fi and loyalty.

To those who shall follow, as a Marine Captain once told me, "you're gonna be a rat the rest of your life!" I'm out...

2004: Jarod Parker
2010: Kyle Bloxom

Smalls



Old Man

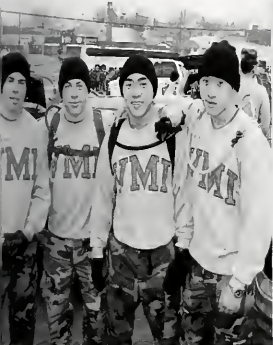


Rhys





Jake



Kyle



Brad



Well, I guess I've put this off long enough, so here goes. It's hard to believe that my time here is coming to an end, but the time I've spent at VMI has been very memorable and although there have been some bumps in the road, all in all, I've had a blast. More so than I should have, but I guess it was a sign when I stepped out of JM Hall on Matriculation Day with a smile on my face that everything from then on would be taken w/ a grain of salt and I'd just try to make the best of it. Sure, it's supposed to be "The Road Less Traveled", but given the opportunity, I'd do it again, because in the end, I'm better off for it. From Rat Year to First Class year, the friends I've made and stories we've experienced will be retained for many years to come and couldn't have come from some normal college. That's what makes this place unique. Sure, I didn't know where I'd end up this year but I'm glad I took the roles I did and couldn't be happier for doing so. To my rat, Jack, you've been great, good luck these next three years and don't let next year get you down, because it does get better. To Mom and Dad, thanks so much for all the countless trips you made Rat year and Third Class year and to the rest of my family, thank you for all the support over the years.

2004: Duncan McClellan, RC Simmons
2010: Jack Wright

Rat Challenge 3; Martial Arts Club 3,2,1- CIC 2,1; Social Dance Club 3,2

These four years have gone by in the blink of an eye. I have learned a few things during my tenure. This place, despite its excessive amount of rules and regulations, which at times seem to serve no purpose, is only as good or as bad as you make it. I have learned the difference in what authority says needs to be done, and what you actually need to do, can be completely different, or just the difference between what is supposed to be done, and what needs to be done. Managing time, or rather the ability to procrastinate and still accomplish everything has become invaluable. Life has been good these last four years. I have surrounded myself with great friends that I know I can count on for the rest of my life. VMI does something to a person. I have become great friends with people that I would have barely talked to more than in passing in high school. To everyone that I have roomed with, thank you. You have made me smile; you have helped me through good times and bad. To Matt, Matt, Danny, Jon, Quincy and Laura, Duck is going to be missed more than words can describe. To Rob, I know this place seems like it might be more than it is worth, but surviving brings so much joy. Who knows what life will bring? I do know that the lessons learned, not academic, and the friends made, will help me survive anything life can throw my way. Thank you to everyone that I have grown to love as a brother, and congratulations to the class of 2007.

2004: Jillian Hafer
2010: Robert Landies

I am Wilson BC, I am the future.



Jacob F. Willis
Roanoke, VA

Army - Business & Economics



Kyle A. Wills
Poland, OH

Marine Corps - History



Bradley C. Wilson
Marion, VA

Army - English

2004: Michael Gregory
2010: Raymond Kirchner, Matthew Musick

Class of



Alexander T. Winsper
Virginia Beach, VA
Army - Business & Economics

AA Soccer 4,3,2; ranker 3; ghost 4,3,2,1

Nothing this place could ever teach you is more important than the value of friends. Without mine, I wouldn't be in this book. To those we lost along the way.... 2-tone, Jay 40, McNizzle, Misha.... You deserved this just as much as any of us.

Phone...cigs...lighter...keys...122 stairs to freedom... Jim at East Lex knows what's up. Life gets you down, go for a drive. Enjoy the ride.

Wheaton, Uncle Winny



Jonathon M. Woloshuk
Greendale, WI
Army - International Studies

Club Soccer 4,3,2,1; CIC Club Soccer 1; Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, S3 LT 1; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; Competition Pipe Band 1; Jazz Band 4,3; Study Abroad 3; Distinguished Military Graduate; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Distinguished Graduate

Thanks to all my Brother Rats for the great memories and connections we've made. Although you couldn't pay me to go back and do the last four years of VMI again, I wouldn't give up the time I've spent here for anything. We're the greatest class to ever grace the stoops, and we'll continue to do great things in the real world.

Jon



Colin C. Wu
Foxboro, MA
Navy - Mechanical Engineering

2004: Cyrus Kump
2010: Jason Morgan, Jared Lawson

Marathon Club 4; Swimming 3,2,1; Corporal 3; International Club 3; SEAL Club 2; Lieutenant 1; Emergency Response Team 1

The past four years have been a great learning experience across the board - academically, athletically, and militarily. The most important things I have grasped from each of these facets include: study hard, but study smart; the work doesn't need to be perfect, but just "good enough for government work," exercise hard, but exercise smart; know your body, how it responds, and use that knowledge to it's fullest potential, and take care of the men you lead, for they do lots of the grunt work, are main factors in mission success, and will take care of you when you need help. Thank you all for helping to make this experience possible; without you, it would not have been the success that it is. Thanks, especially to my family for all the support and encouragement you have given me. Even through the times when distance was an immense challenge, you were still there. Good luck to everyone - whatever you do and wherever you go, I know you will all do well. "IT WAS the best of times, it was the worst of times..."

2004: Dan Ropp
2010: Evan Farley

Colin

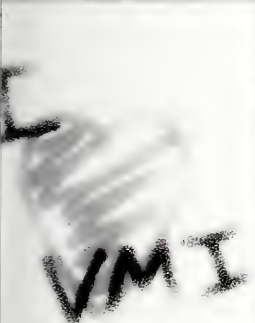




Yamasaki



Chris



John



My time at VMI is drawing to a close and I cannot help but to look back and see how my opinion of the world has changed. I have grown as a person and my character has been solidified. I must disagree with the statement that VMI makes you an honorable person; I believe that VMI gives you the opportunity to prove how honorable you are. By pushing the limitation of your character and giving you different scenarios in which to test your personal ethics, your true character is shown. VMI showed me who I really am.

To my rats and the rest of the future leaders of VMI I bequeath my sense of duty, honor, and leadership. I bestow upon you the monumental responsibility to uphold the highest degree of integrity, sophistication, and pride that VMI was founded upon. I also purpose a challenge to the future generations of VMI. I challenge you to excel as a scholar as well as gentleman. I challenge you to not only earn weight of responsibility the VMI has to carry, but to have to the courage to deserve it as well. Do this and your time at VMI will make you who you came to VMI to be, a man of honor.

2004: Stanley Gochenour III
2010: Christian Dolbey

Band Company, Rugby, Cheerleading, Ultimate Frisbee

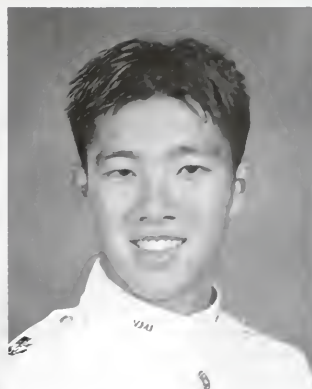
I recently read a book entitled We Were One. This book chronicled the experiences of Lima Company of the 3/1 during the Battle of Fallujah. The author prefaced the book with a startling assertion from a high ranking officer. The assertion was that this current generation is the next "Greatest Generation." I believe that this assertion is ultimately true and will become more evident as our generation takes over leadership positions in the civilian, political and the military sectors. Therefore, I wish, upon my Brother Rats, and the corps as a whole, the courage, decency and nobility (to adapt Daniel's quote) to prove the truthfulness of this claim.

2004: Joe Didomenico
2010: Ed Burton and Phillip Sgrignoli

Study Abroad Morocco, Egypt; Model Arab League 3,2,1; New Market Practice Squad 1; NCAA Swimming 3,2

So how do I sum up my entire VMI experience in a few paragraphs? I am not really sure but I will give it a try. First I would like to thank God for helping me through the last 4 years. Next of course would be my parents and sister, who never stopped giving me support. And let's not forget my two uncles Tom and Frank, how could you ever let me come here! Frank, you said something like this in your 1st class Bomb, "take an 18 year old kid, cut off his hair, and still he gets all the girls." I'm pretty sure I took that to a whole new level. To my roommates Addison, Chi Chi, and Ryan, you guys are my best friends and knowing you made the last 4 years of my life worthwhile. I am not sure how four extremely arrogant, very tall, and amazingly handsome guys got along so well all these years, but it was definitely something special. Addy, your hair sucks and you will never be as strong as me. Chi, its official, you have the best body in barracks. Ryan, New Guy, the clubs in DC are calling our names, start thinking of some good stories to bullshit girls with. Thanks again to our rats Jose, Dylan, Bobby, Howard, and Gill, make the best of your time here and try not to dwell on the shitty periods of time over the next three years, and trust me there will be a lot. To the 5% of people I got along with at VMI: Greg, Alex, Nicky T, and the rest, thank you for the years of friendship and I wish you the best of luck in your lives. To the 95% of VMI that I didn't like..... goodluck..... godspeed..... and PEACE OUT!!!!

2004: Ben Harris
2010: Dylan Cate



Kimball K. Yamasaki
Fremont, CA
Army - Psychology



Christopher M. Yoder
San Antonio, TX
Navy - History



John P. Yohe
Centreville, VA
Army - History

Class of



Patrick M. Young
Bumpass, VA
Marine Corps - History

Where has the time gone? I can't believe how recently it seems like it was the Rat Mass of '04+3 gathered in the New Barracks courtyard to meet and likewise how recently it seems like it was when we conquered the hill and became the best class in Barracks: the Class of 2007.

All the clichés aside (though true they are) I owe everything that I've accomplished in these 4 unforgettable years to God Almighty and his son Jesus, my loving family back home in the LOU and loved ones all over the country (especially Mema, Peppaw, and uncle Jimmy for your support of me during my cadetship), and all my Brother Rats who have become as close to me as family. The best Dykes ever—Lakin, Glen, Andy, and Ed—y'all were the big brothers I never had. Jack, Ryan, Alex, Kenny, Justin, Matt, Jason, Greg, Thitipan...I couldn't have asked for better guys to build Ratline memories with. Bob and Ryan, I wish we could be roommates again next year but you fellas at least will be moving on! Abram, Nick, Jon, & Matt: y'all are outstanding and I'm proud to call you all my Rats. Killian and Baity, keep y'all's eyes on the prize. To all my fellow vets, especially those I was privileged enough to serve a deployment with, I still look up to many of you and I love you all. To all those mentioned here, to all my friends of all classes in Barracks, to the awesome people of Hollywood Hotel, to all my fellow Rifle Teammates and to everyone else I've had the pleasure of knowing here, I wish you the absolute best and God's blessings in all that you do. Thanks for everything.
Deo Vindice, Semper Fidelis and Sic Semper Tyrannis!

2004: Lakin Board



Ryan R. Young
Jacksonville, NC
Peace Corps - International Studies

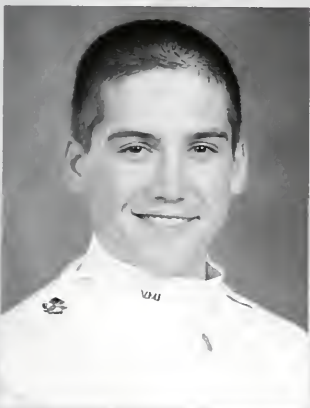
F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Rm. 439 4; Rat Daddy Committee 4,3,2,1; Cadet Counseling Staff CIC 2,1; Big Red Club Co-CIC 1; VMI Croquet Team Captain/Founder 1; 4L 2,1; College Democrats 2,1

So it's finally over, my four years at the Institute have come and gone in a flash. I do not really know how I can sum up my cadetship in this short message; all I know is that I have had some of the greatest moments of my life here, some of the worst too. I could have never made it through this place with out my roommates and friends; that being said I'd like to thank you guys. Aukett, Doyle, Lento, & Rideal thanks for getting me through the Ratline; without our crazy antics it would have been unbearable. Bafford, Jacaruso, & Shih you three have been great and are a big reason why I kept coming back to this place. I hope you guys have great success in the next few years and feel free to visit me in Ecuador. I'd also like to thank the nasty rats of Rm. S-16. Paul, I hope that I made as big of impact on your life as my dyke did on mine, keep your head on straight and get the heck out of here. Dan, Clint, & Wang stay out of trouble and look out for each other always.

Finally, I would like to thank my family. Katie thanks for visiting me every once in a while, you cannot imagine how important those breaks from VMI really were. And most importantly my parents: no matter what, you were always there for me. I can remember calling you two worried I would not graduate or telling you how I start a darn Croquet team, but no matter how important or ridiculous my ramblings were you always listened. I cannot say it enough, the three of you are the most important people in my life and I am grateful for you every day.

"Deja que el mundo te cambie... y podrás cambiar al mundo." – Ernesto "Che" Guevara

2004: Terrell Jackson
2010: Paul Bailey



Taylor J. Zahm
Virginia Beach, VA
Air Force - Computer Science

Rifle 4,3,2,1; Platoon Guide Sergeant 2

The long and difficult road that VMI provides is indeed meant for the strong of will, courage, and honor. In my years here at the institute I have experienced each, and so much more. I would say I did this by myself, but I would be telling a half-truth. I could not have endured this place without the unrelenting help of my family, who were always there when I needed someone to talk to. The friends that I have made in the ratline and after have been a godsend. Jay, with his ability to stay positive while hating this place at the same time (as well as his ability to come up with memorable one-liners and could single-handedly trash a room in less than 10 minutes) and Dan with his calm attitude, undying loyalty to the Institute and still NEVER spaz out. To the guys on the rifle team: it was truly one hell of a ride, but we did it. The CS crew of '07, I couldn't have gone anywhere without you and our motto "it's good enough." In my final year here, my rats have definitely made the ride worth having. Aaron, words could never really describe your wise-cracking attitude, your ability to be incredibly responsible, and just be a good guy. Seriously, I couldn't have wished for a better rat. Mike and T.J., you guys are just like Aaron, and whether you know it or not you guys were essential in getting us through the year. And Holly; without you none of this would have been possible. I cannot wait to graduate VMI and be with you. I never thought a dream come true would walk into my life, stand beside me for better or for worse, and say that you will love me as I love you for the rest of our lives. But in retrospect, VMI has truly been the most defining experience of my life, but now that it's over, I'm proud I went through it and glad as hell that it's all over!

2004: Natasha Davis
2040: Aaron Mckeen

Pat



Ryan



T-mac, zaHHm





Private 4,3,2,1; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; March To New Market 1; Triathlon 2; Ranger Challenge 2; Marathon 3; Rat Challenge Band Co. Cpl 3; Bataan Memorial March 3; The Bomb 2, 1; Hater Hater 4,3,2,1

It's been a long and tough road. Just when I thought I had a grip on life at the "I", another challenge would come along to bring on more stress. This place has brought out the best and worst in me. But who am I to complain? Over the past 4 years, I met my fiancé and some of the greatest friends I could have ever found. I expected to be faced with new challenges, and I was almost every day. I've learned so much from the friends I've made and all the obstacles I've had to overcome. I could not have found an experience like this at any other place...other than a real prison. Although I act like I hate VMI, I could not have gone anywhere else.

To those still at VMI, don't let this place get you down, just give it your best and drive on.

To Carolyn and Kathleen - You know me best and I love you both. Here's to laughter, pottery & happiness.

To CadetMK - You're one of my best friends. Thanks for hiding out!

To my family, Mom (BF), Dad, Brandon, and Joey (BLU) - You are my backbone.

You have supported me at my lowest points and made the drive back and forth through these years. I love you so very much.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

Now it's time to get hitched and serve the greatest country on earth.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Z, Blizzle, Zimbabwe



"Z", "Red Bear"



Johnny B



2004: Leigh-Anne Lindenmuth
2010: Mike Karlson, Andrea Hegamyer

Bloodmobile Committee 1,2; VMI Theater 1,2,3,4; The Cadet 2,3; Rugby 1,2,3,4; Fencing 3; Aviation Club 1,2,3

To my BRs: For the past four years we have lived from weekend to weekend hoping to catch a glimpse of a life that has been passing us by. Now we have our life back. No more specials, no more PTs or Parades. We are ready to begin our lives and finally live them like they are meant to be. There is no time for boredom, depression or anger. We already spent the past four years of our lives suffering under moronic bureaucracy and a myriad of egos. Out of all of our experiences, one thing is clear, we have prevailed.

To my rats: I hope that you will allow yourselves to be molded into men of greatness. You have been wonderful rats. Enjoy life, but don't forget your goals. PS: Fudge'ems I have your bucket.

Roomies: Living with you is an experience that will scar my memory for the rest of my life. You have been like the brothers I never had.

Room 152: You were the brothers I never wanted. I still love you guys.

The rest of the gang: I would have never made it without you. I owe you my life.

Doc: Amicus per ignis. You are the brother I always wanted.

And so it starts the rest of our lives. From this point on whatever happens, good or bad, we will always have our memories, our lessons learned and each other.

2004: Michel McHugh
2010: Chris Johnson, Andrew Miller

Wrestling 1,2,3,4, Mormon Mission between 4th and 3rd class year

I only have two people to thank, God and Gary.



Catherine B. Zaremba
Harrisonburg, Va
Army - History



Marcin P. Zola
Nesconset, NY
Army - International Studies



John S. Burton
Arlington, VA
Air Force - International Studies

2000: Matt Kohler
2010: Cameron Squires

A short synopsis of the Class of 2007



Important Dates

436 Matriculate
Breakout
Ring Figure
Graduation

16 AUG
24 JAN
18 NOV
16 MAY

Not Likely to be Seen Again...

Belt friendly pants
Rat Tours
Lejeune Hall
VMI Buildings without air conditioning
Controversial Halloween pictures
The phone room, complete with broken phones
The email bandit
Breakout Hill
The great green New Barracks floor
Old Corps White Blouse?

Ongoing Construction

Third Barracks
Kilbourne Expansion
Mallory Renovation
North Institute Hill Parking
Leadership and Ethics Center





Statistics

Enrollment - 283 Cadets

Major

Biology	19
Chemistry	7
Civil Engineering	21
Computer Science	7
Economics/Business	41
Electrical Engineering	8
English	14
History	54
International Studies	37
Mathematics	2
Mechanical Engineering	36
Modern Languages	7
Physics	5
Sociology	25

Commissioning - 147

Army	54
Navy	16
Marines	23
Air Force	54

Geographical Distribution

In State	142
Out of State	134
Foreign	7

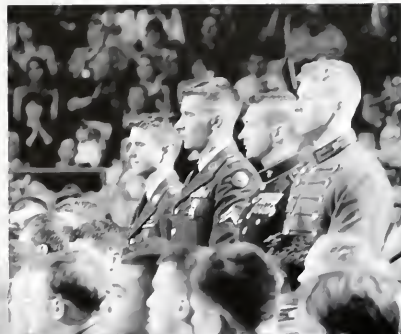
Gender

Male	260
Female	23

Commissioning




Graduation



Chapter 3

The Second Class



Spanish-American War, 1898

Just over 100 days in duration, the 1898 Spanish-American War had long reaching effects. It ended an era of Spanish colonization; it began an era of United States global presence. The USS Maine was sent to Havana Harbor to evacuate American citizens from a volatile environment. When the Maine exploded under mysterious circumstances, American newspapers convinced a shocked public that sabotage was the blame. Within weeks over 300,000 volunteers rallied to the call, "Remember the Maine!" Former Confederates were welcomed into the ranks of blue uniforms. United States Army training bases were named in honor of former Confederate Generals--- three of whom were even given field commands! In the common cause of defense, the nation found an opportunity to reunite.

Over 136 VMI alumni served in the brief war with Spain and the subsequent Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) that followed. Several who served had been cadets at the Battle of New Market: Otis Allen Glazebrook, Class of 1866, served with a New Jersey Regiment as Chaplain; Blair Dabney Taylor, Class of 1867, commanded the Army hospital at Fort McPherson and employed women for the first time as official government nurses; John Carmichael, Class of 1867, was commissioned Captain, US Volunteers, in 1898. New Market Cadet John Bransford, Class of 1867, became a Navy surgeon aboard the USS Gloucester. During the battle of Santiago Bay, he manned a gun and assisted in the sinking of two Spanish torpedo boats. Bransford was awarded a special medal by Congress for his conspicuous bravery. William Nalle, Class of 1872, served as Adjutant General of Virginia and Colonel of the 4th Virginia Infantry during the war. Brigadier General Woodford H. Mabry, Class of 1875 was Adjutant General of the Texas Militia and commanded the 1st Texas Infantry in Cuba during the war. He died in Havana in 1899. A total of five alumni died while in service.

Battle of San Juan Hill



Medal of Honor was bestowed upon a VMI alumnus for the first time during the brief war—First Lieutenant Charles Kilbourne, Class of 1894, U.S. Volunteer Signal Corps, received the nation's highest military honor for conduct at Paco Bridge, Philippine Islands, on 5 February 1899. His citation reads: Within a range of 250 yds of the enemy and in the face of a rapid fire climbed a telegraph pole at the east end of the bridge and in view of the enemy coolly and carefully repaired a broken telegraph wire, thereby reestablishing telegraphic communication to the front. Major General Kilbourne was the first officer to hold the nation's three highest awards: the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. He served as the sixth superintendent of VMI, 1937-1946.

The Spanish-American War helped reunite post Civil War America. It was a conflict fought largely by volunteers. Trained citizen-soldiers provided the example and leadership.

The Spanish-American War

Class of 2008



Vice President: Tyler Anthony President: Jason Webb Historian: Travis Light

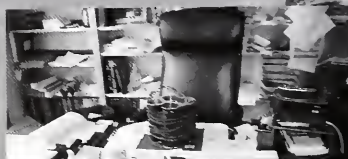
From August 21, 2004 to February 2, 2005, the Class of 2008 was born. From Matriculation and Hell Week to sweat parties and Fake Out, we undertook our transformation as a class with honor and dignity. We are the Rat Mass of '05 molded into the Class of 2008, something which we are all proud to

Third class year proved difficult but we persevered, excelled, and grew into a formidable class. Brother Rats took positions on the RDC and our sacred Honor Court. We came back from summer furlough to find that our rank moved up about a foot on our sleeves, and suddenly it was November and we were escorted through that big arch they call the VMI Ring. A few paces and a kiss on the cheek later, we had entered the Brotherhood of the Ring, and our lives changed forever as our right hand became significantly heavier.

Since most of us rarely take that huge hunk of gold off, it is safe to say we all recognize the importance of our second class year. At the end of this year, the Corps will be ours for the taking and our legacy is waiting to be engraved into the four walls of barracks. Next August we will be coming back to a Rat Mass awaiting our guidance and leadership, something that our class is more than ready to

Brother Rats, now is our time. We have received and given our fair share of punches for this Institute and now it's time to take our legacy by the reigns and drive it straight into the heart of VMI. I told you last year that the Institute would be heard from by the time we were done with it. Now is the time that we prove

-Travis R. Light, Class of 2008 Historian



Aaron Alderman
Terrel Allen
James Andrew, III
Benjamin Anhold

Tyler Anthony
Melissa Arellano
John Arthur, VI
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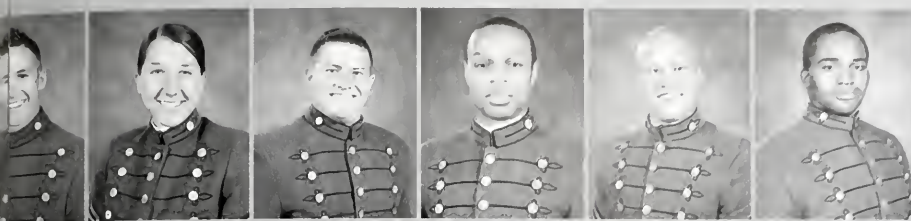
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Deven Benkowitz
Stephen Bennie
Seth Berkowitz
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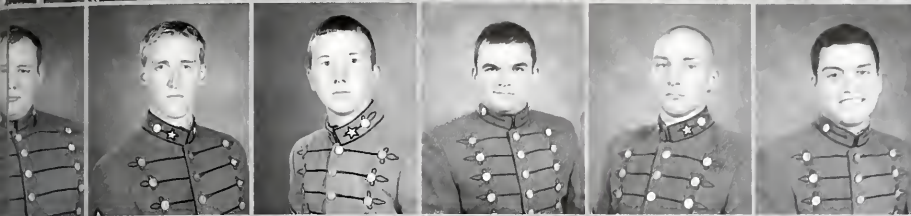
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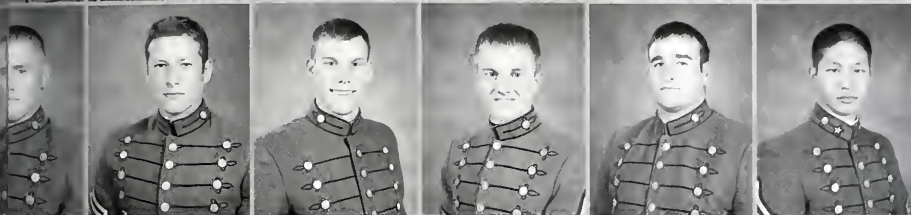




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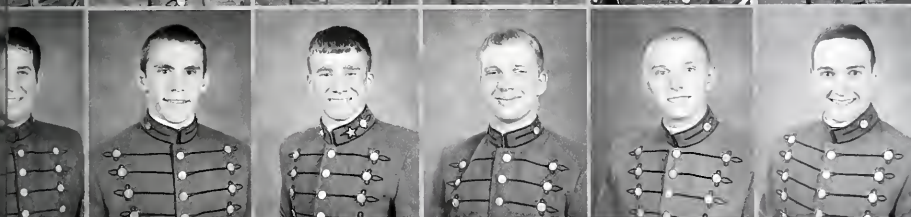
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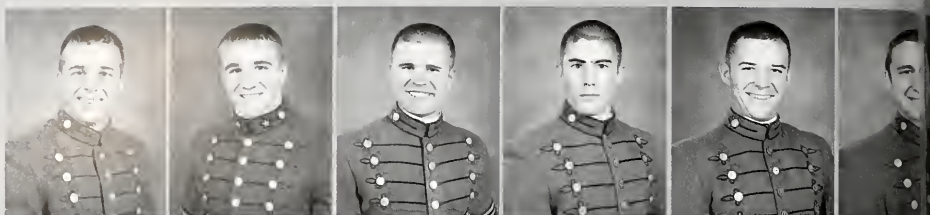


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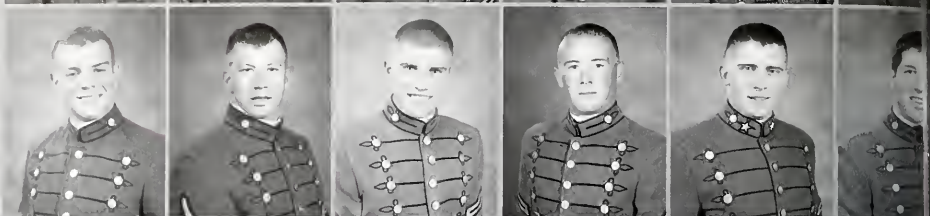


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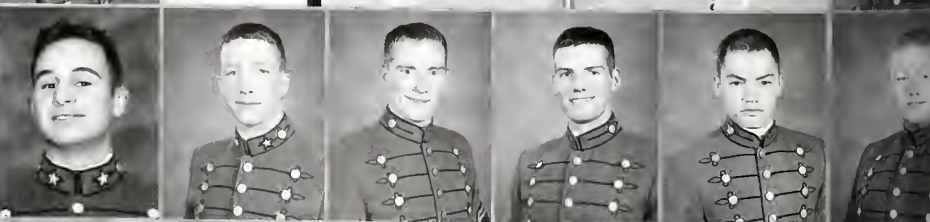
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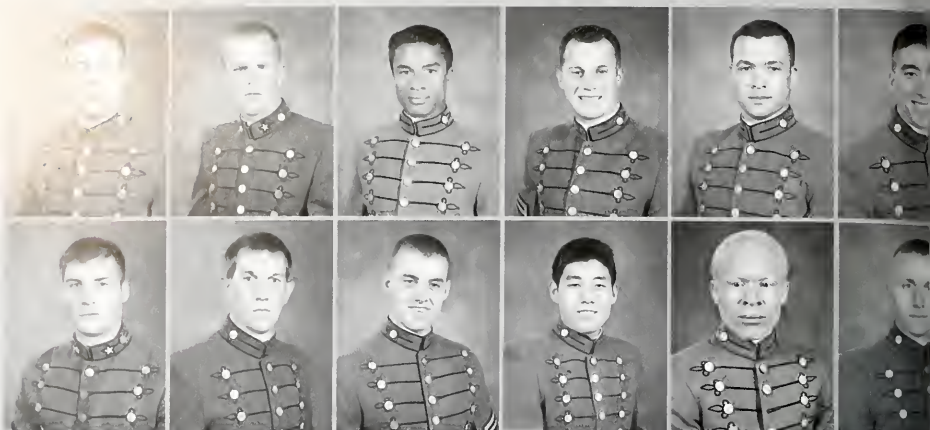
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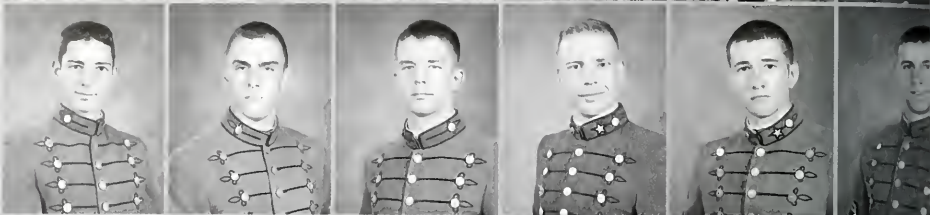
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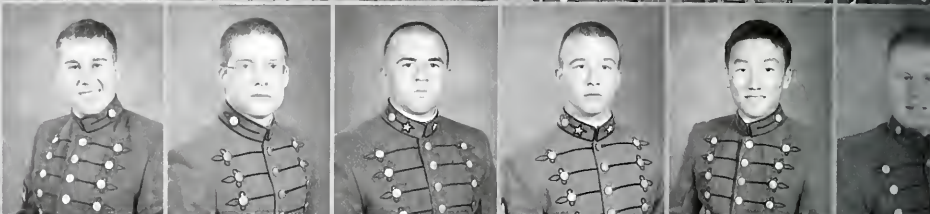
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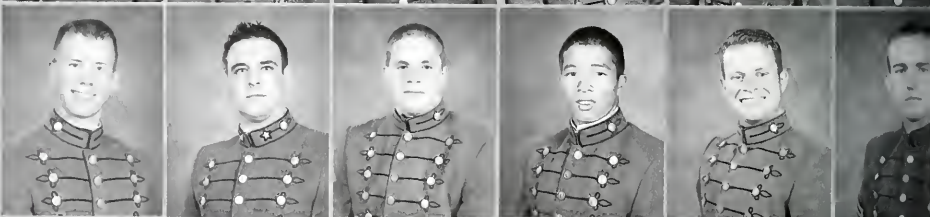
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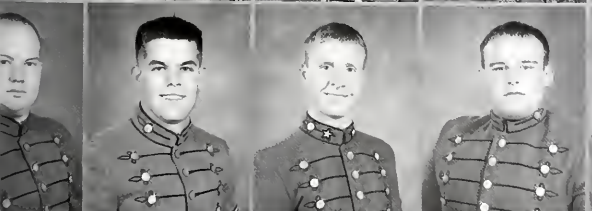
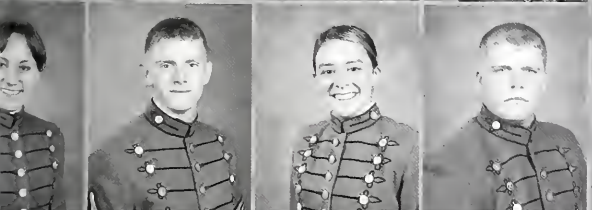
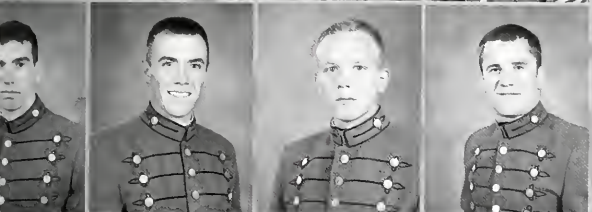
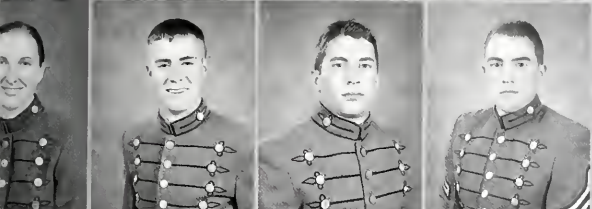
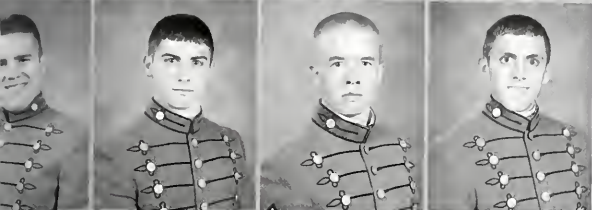
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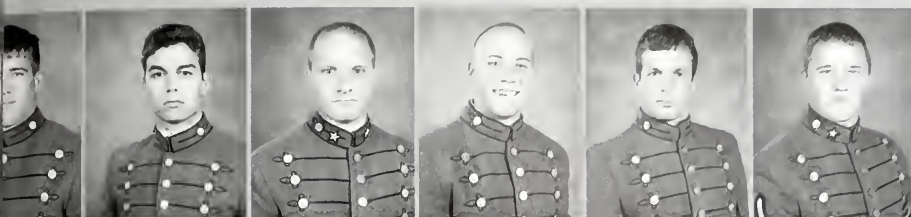
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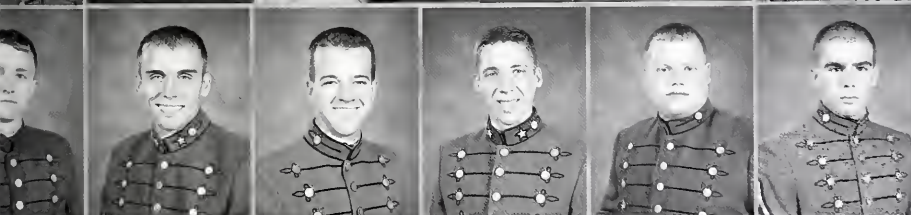
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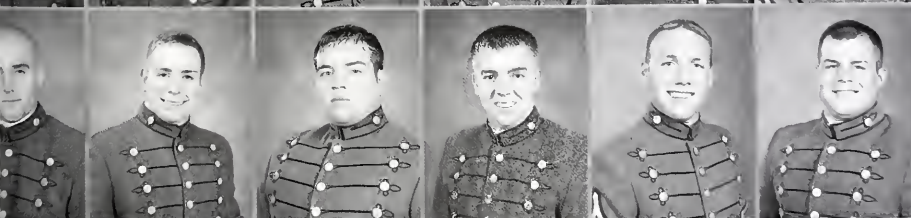
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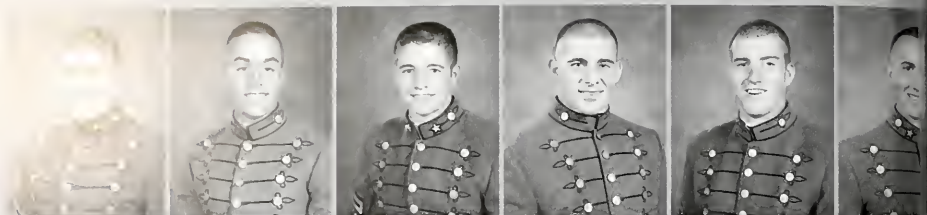


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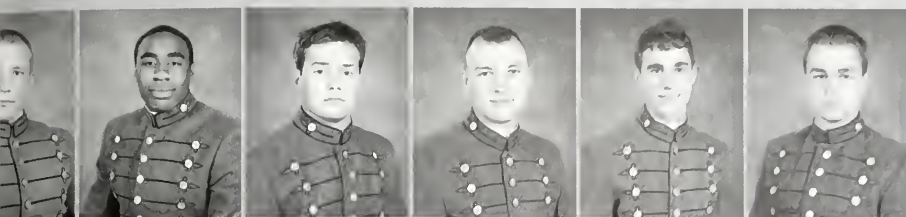


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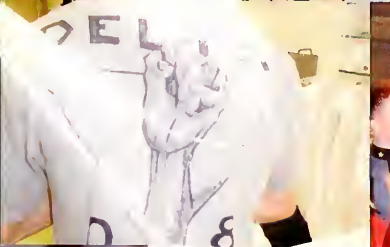
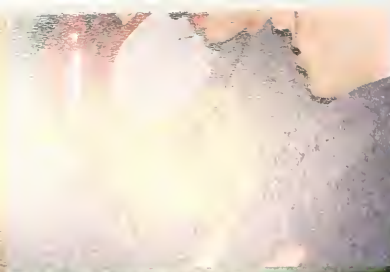


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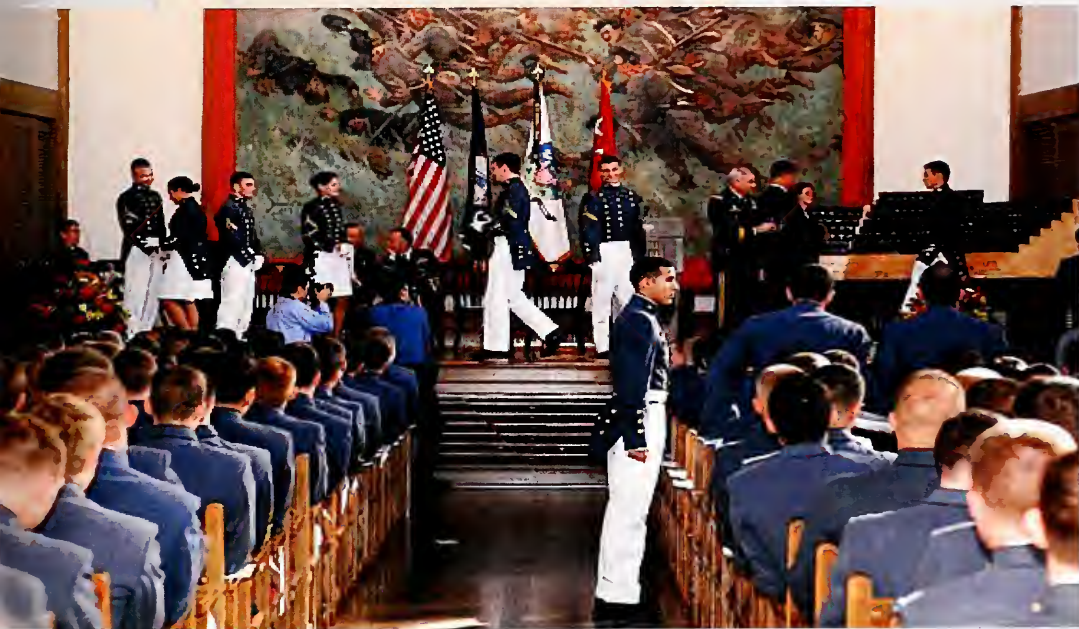
The 2008 Ring Design Committee consisted of some of the most talented and creative artists in Barracks. The artists, Nohe Martin, Sean Ruppert, Matt Payne, and Erin Squires, were given only a list of the items our class wanted to appear on the Glass and Institute sides. Yet barely a month after our first meeting, each artist had created his or her own sketches that incorporated the objects most meaningful to our Brother Rats. The artists came together and, over the next four months, combined their vastly different styles and perspectives to produce two concepts that were posted in Sally Port. It was then left to the demanding criticism of the Glass of 2008. After all the voting, commenting, and tweaking were accomplished, however, the Glass of 2008 had its final ring design. The four artists, under the historical advisement of Andrew Breer and the minimal direction of Jon Gunter and myself, managed to produce in five months a piece of metal that represents not only the things that matter most to our class, but also the brotherhood we will forever share. In doing so they created one of the most unique and magnificent rings in the history of W.M.T. Their task, while unquestionably arduous, was completed with the utmost patience and regard for defining the bonds that will unite us for all time.

- Mark Parton '08



First of all, I would like to thank Tyler Anthony and Monika Dickens. Tyler's support and leadership in planning Ring Figure was outstanding and. Ms. Dickens was always willing to help and worked many long hours with the Ring Figure Committee. When the planning began during our Third Class year, the task at hand seemed reasonable and we had ample support, but as the months went by and we were weeks away from the greatest weekend of our cadetship, the stress mounted and the help dissipated. Everyday seemed to present a new challenge, from fighting for OGWB in Smith Hall to deciding where to hold the ring presentation ceremony. The experience was priceless and the opportunity was one in a lifetime. This position allowed me to connect with everyone in the class and the friendships made will last well beyond graduation. The memories made during that weekend, are still vivid in my mind, from T-Lud tearing it up on stage, to party in the Ho-Go Friday night, nothing has ever compared to that experience. The ring will forever keep us bonded together, and outside the VMI family, people truly don't understand the significance of the brotherhood it represents. It's been a pleasure and an honor to be selected by Jason, Tyler, and Travis to serve on the Committee. One last thank you to John Sollock, we butted heads on numerous ideas but in the end we had the same goals and I don't think you get the credit you deserve for all your work that you put into the planning. Thank you!

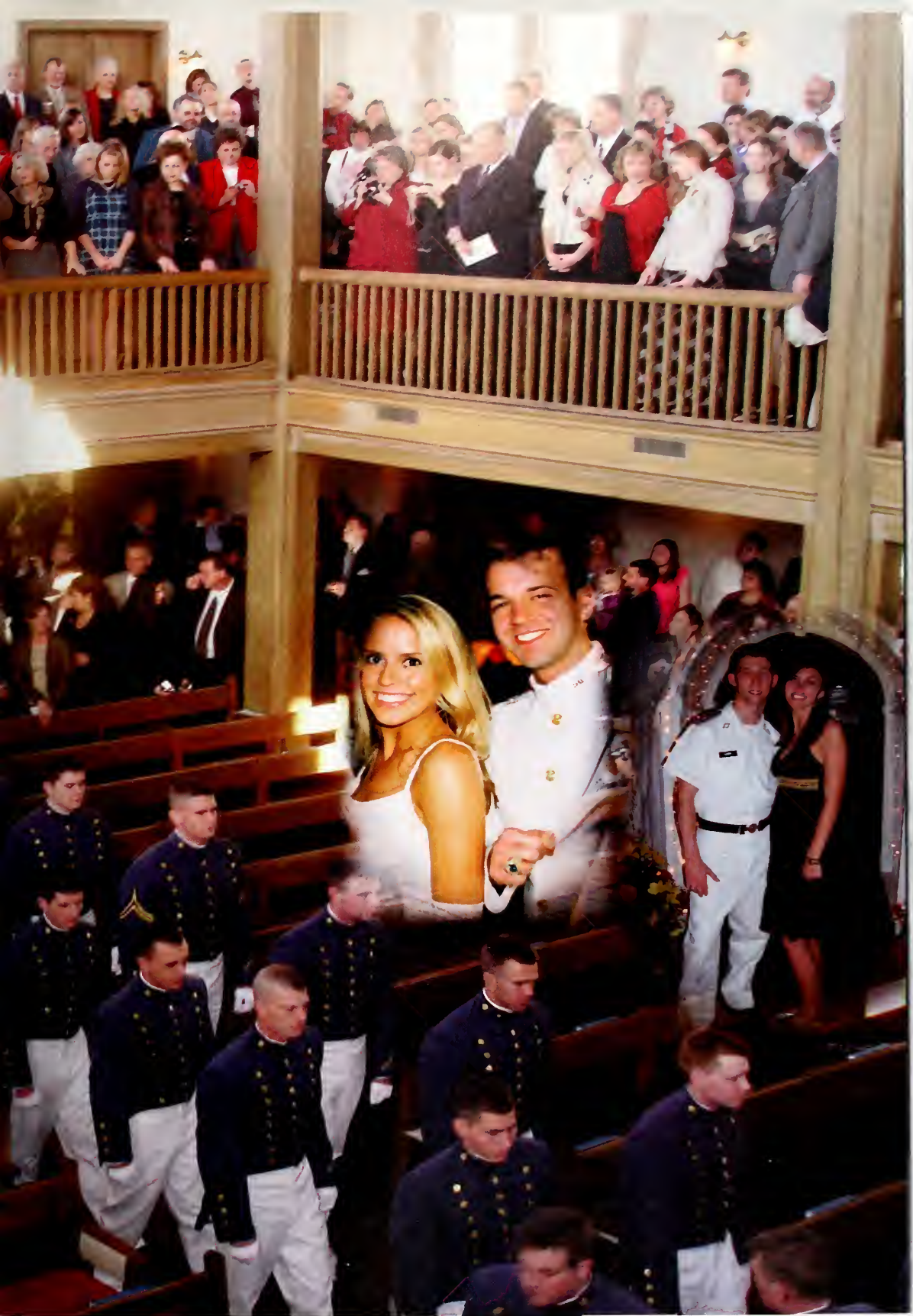
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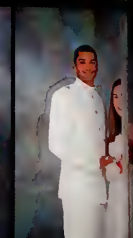
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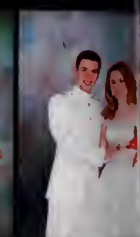
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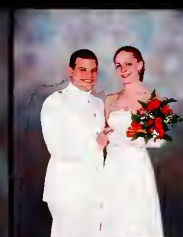
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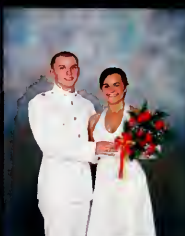
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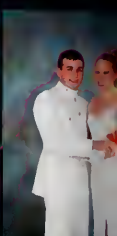
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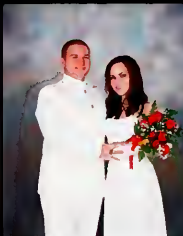
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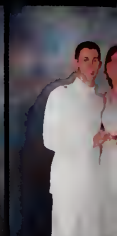
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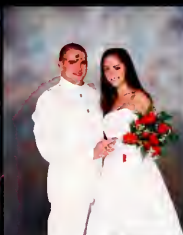
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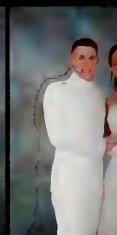
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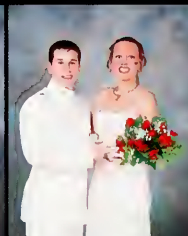
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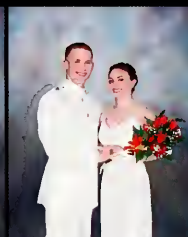
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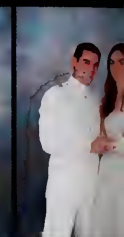
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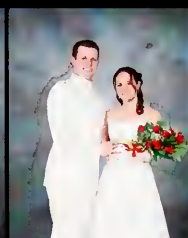
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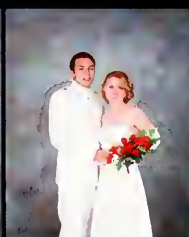
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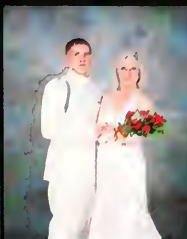
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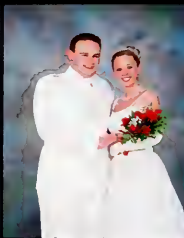
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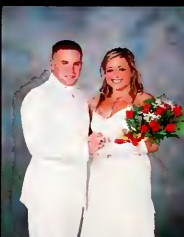
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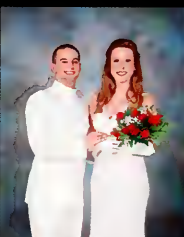
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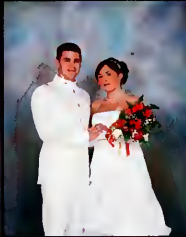
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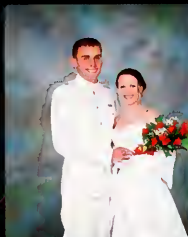
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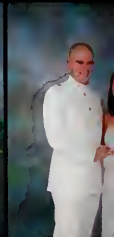
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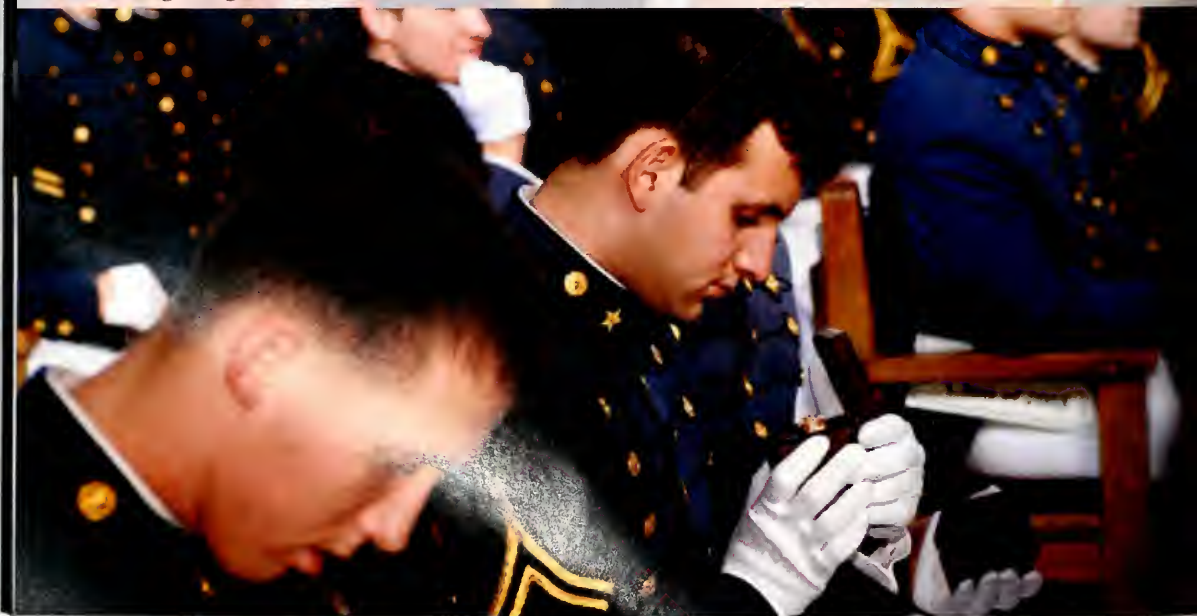
Brotherhood

It has been an honor and a privilege to work for the class in planning one of the greatest milestones of our lives, Ring Figure. Without the help of Tyler Anthony, John Sollock, and Robbie Hill Ring Figure would not have been the same experience; you all are amazing individuals who will do great things in life. In addition, the Ring Design committee did an outstanding job designing the ring and painting it a hundred times in various places on post. Although we faced many challenges from OGW (we can be known as the last class in barracks to wear OGW) to permits, everyone on the committee put their all into this event, making the best Ring Figure to-date. A big thank you goes out to the committee for all your hard work!

As a class we reached a milestone. We all have earned the hunk of metal that is the contract to our membership in the Brotherhood. Never take for granted the bond that lasts forever. VMI is a challenging place, but it is a place that we can be proud to be from. I wish everyone the best of luck in your future endeavors; wear your ring with pride!

~Katherine Bopp

'08 Ring Figure Chair



Vice President

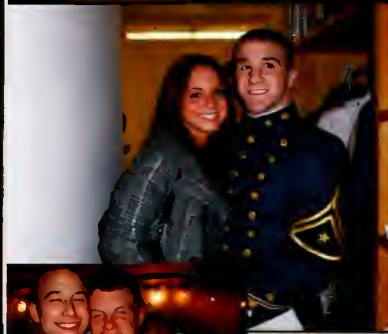
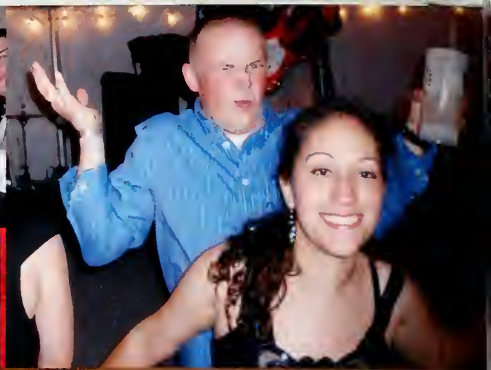
Brother Rats,

I was asked to write a letter of introduction to the Ring Figure section. I was asked to characterize a weekend of incomparable celebration. I was asked to define an experience that meant so much for such deserving people. Simply, I was asked to put into words what Ring Figure meant to the Class of 2008. Two months later, I have admitted defeat.

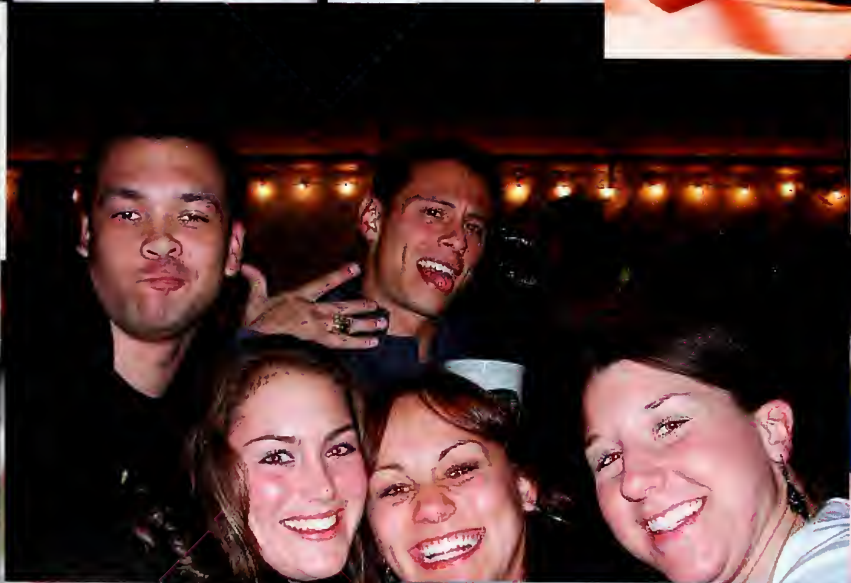
The truth is, I cannot write or say anything that can bring justice to the legacy we've entered into. I cannot use words now or in the future that will make our family and friends, spouses, sons, daughters, or grandchildren, feel what it was like to celebrate a brotherhood so strong and so enduring that few can understand it, and even fewer have become part of it. So now, we must never loosen our grip on the values and lessons this Institute has imbedded in us. We must never forget the feeling of honor and brotherhood that has been instilled in each of us. Do these things and 20 years from now, our family and friends, our wives and husbands, our sons and daughters—the people close to our hearts, will never have to read or look in a VMI Bomb to find out what the weekend of Ring Figure represents. Here is to Honor, Pride, Brotherhood, and to the finest damn people to come through our Institute.

- Tyler Anthony











Honorary



To all my brother rats,

*Keep charging and doing great things.
Remember that you are always
leading by and setting the example
whether you want to or not, so make
sure that your example is the right one.
Thank you again for making me a
part of your class. Best of luck to you
all and God Bless.*

*R/
LT Faison*

Lieutenant Faison enlisted in the Navy in July 1987 from Camp Hill, PA. He attended boot camp in Orlando, FL and then completed the MM 'A' school and Nuclear Power School also in Orlando. After graduating from NPTU Ballston Spa, NY, he reported to USS Tecumseh (SSBN-628) in Charleston, SC. After four years on board USS Tecumseh, he transferred to USS Parche (SSN-683) in Mare Island, CA. Following three years on board the USS Parche, he went to CSS-17 SMMS/PMT for shore duty where he got selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP). After completing the Naval Science Institute in Newport, RI, Lieutenant Faison graduated from the Old Dominion University in July 2000 with a Bachelor's of Science in Applied Mathematics. Following completion of college, Lieutenant Faison reported to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC and then Prototype in Ballston Spa, NY. From Ballston Spa, he went on to the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, CT. Following training, Lieutenant Faison reported to USS Minneapolis-St. Paul (SSN-708) in February of 2002. While onboard, he earned his warfare qualification in submarines and served as the Chemical and Radiological Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, Strike Officer, and Ship's Diving Officer. After qualifying as a Prospective Nuclear Engineer Officer, Lieutenant Faison was assigned to NROTC Unit Virginia Military Institute and reported in December of 2004. His current primary duty is Fourth Class Midshipman Instructor and Advisor at both VMI and Mary Baldwin College. Lieutenant Faison's personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal with a Silver Star and a Gold Star, Good Conduct Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Lieutenant Faison is married to the former Deanna Gruber of New Cumberland, PA. They have two daughters, Heather and Erika.

Brother Rats



MSG Thornton entered military service with the VA Army National Guard on 22 March 1985 and completed split option training for 11B infantryman at FT Benning GA on Aug 1986. After graduating from Natural Bridge High School and repeated requests to go active duty MSG Thornton was finally released from VA Army National Guard and entered Active Service in the Army on 7 Oct 1987, where he reported to his first duty station at FT Campbell, KY, as a M-60 Machine Gunner for 3rd BN 502nd INF. Reg. 101st ABN (AASLT) DIV. After 6 months as a M-60 Gunner he was selected as member of the Battalion Scout Platoon. He served as Scout RTO, Sniper, Spotter/Observer, Scout Assistant Squad Leader and Squad Leader. During this time he saw duty in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In Dec 1991 MSG Thornton was assigned to Aco 3rd BN 75th Ranger Regiment at FT Benning, GA, where he served as a Ranger Rifle Squad Leader. During this time he saw duty in Mogidishu, Somalia. In May 1994 he was assigned to 5th Ranger Training BN at Dahlonga, GA, where he served as Mountaineering Instructor/Writer, The Opposing Forces Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Leader. In May of 1997 he was assigned to 1st BN 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, GA, serving as Anti-Tank Section Leader, Weapons Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Leader. In July of 2001 he was assigned to the Army ROTC Department, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. At VMI he served as MS III and MS IV Instructor and it was during this time he was awarded the Faculty Mentor award in May 2002 and honorary Brother Rat to the Class of 2008 in Nov. 2005. In Dec. 2005 he was assigned to Joint Special Operations Command FT Bragg, NC as Operations NCO, where he presently serves.

Chapter 4 The Third Class

World War One, 1914-1918

A single shot on 14 June 1914, killed Archduke Ferdinand, and set in motion a chain of events that would cost 10,000,000 military deaths over the next four years. Meanwhile, President Wilson was nervously monitoring the latest Mexican revolution and decided to occupy the port city of Vera Cruz. During the brief but tense action, two VMI alumni received the Medal of Honor. Cary Langhorne, Class of 1894, was awarded the medal "for extraordinary heroism in battle, engagement of Vera Cruz, 22 April 1914. [Navy] Surgeon Langhorne carried a wounded man from the front of the Naval Academy while under heavy fire." On the same day, Navy Lieutenant Aldophus Staton, Class of 1899, was recognized "for distinguished conduct in battle, engagement of Vera Cruz. He was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion. He exhibited courage and skill in leading his men through the action of the 22nd and in the final occupation of the city."

Six months later William Upshur, VMI Class of 1902, became the fifth alumnus to receive the Medal of Honor. His citation reads: "In company with members of the 15th Company of Marines, Capt. Upshur left Fort Liberte, Haiti. . . . on the evening of 24 October 1915, while crossing the river in a deep ravine, the detachment was suddenly fired upon from 3 sides by about 400 Cacos. . . . At daybreak, Capt. Upshur, in command of one of 3 squads which advanced in 3 different directions led his men forward, surprising and scattering the Cacos, and aiding in the capture of Fort Dipitie."



Second Battle of the Marne

As Europe slid into total war, many VMI alumni volunteered in the ranks of English and French forces. Russell Kelly, Class of 1914, joined the French Foreign Legion and died in their ranks in January 1915, becoming the first alumni casualty of the war. Kiffen Rockwell, Class of 1912, flew with the Lafayette Escadrille and became an Ace before being killed in September 1916. Richard Howard, Class of 1915, served with the Black Watch. Over two dozen alumni fought with the British before American involvement.

Anticipating US involvement in the war, VMI held summer training camps designed to prepare civilians considering joining the military in 1917 and 1918. Elaborate trench works, complete with barbed wire, were constructed in what is now Foster Stadium. In the US Senate, former New Market Cadet Thomas Martin, Class of 1866, introduced the Resolution of War against Germany. VMI alumni with the America Expeditionary Force began to arrive in France by mid-1917. "In this emergency," declared Army Commanding General John Pershing, "the graduates of VMI proved a great asset to the Government; their tactical and, above all, their disciplinary training made it possible to quickly qualify them as efficient officers." Over 85% of all alumni between the ages of 17 and 40 served--over 1,800 individuals, of which 1176 were commissioned.

The Commanding General of the Tank Corps, the First Army Assistant Chief of Staff and a number of division level chief of staff positions were held by VMI alumni. Over the next 16 months, 58 alumni died on the Field of Honor. A total of 127 combat decorations were awarded, including 30 Distinguished Service Crosses.

One of the DSC recipients, Marine Captain Lemuel Shepherd, Class of 1917, also received the Navy Cross. Leading his platoon in the Belleau Woods, Shepherd was wounded twice but refused to leave his command—he carried a machine-gun bullet in his neck for the next four days. Captain Shepherd presented a number of items related to his service to the VMI Museum. In 1952 he became Commandant of the Marine Corps.

On 11 November, 1918, in a cramped railway car in the forest of northern France, representatives for the German and Allied nations signed the armistice ending the "war to end all wars." In Lexington, Virginia, 4,000 miles away, the VMI Cadet Corps formed up for their Founders Day parade to honor the school of the Citizen-Soldier.



World War I

Class of 2009



Historian: John Tagg

President: Benjamin Kimsey

Vice President: Kenneth Lus

As historian I keep a lifetime record of events that surrounds the Class of 2009. However, a record of events is not enough to show how far we have come. As our class evolves and ages with time, we hold a changing perspective of the Spirit of VMI. August 20th, 2005 we matriculated as the class of 2006+3 with little to no knowledge of what the Spirit of VMI actually was. At our breakout on the 28th of January, 2006 we, the Class of 2009, formally held a foothold in the doorway of a lifetime brotherhood.

Although we have come a long way since last year's breakout, there is a challenging road ahead of us. Third class year is no joke! Our courses are ridiculously hard, yet the rats tell us what to eat, the seconds feel the same as the rats, and the first class is indifferent. Luckily for us, we have a self-contained class that nurtures, polices, and supports itself despite of any opposition. However, we have proved to the Corps time and time again that we possess the moral character and abilities required to succeed within these four walls and beyond.

Third class year is approaching its end, though. We are all eagerly looking forward to Ring Figure more than our upcoming 21st birthdays – something college kids anywhere else would never understand. There is much left to do in our time spent here at VMI so hang on, keep going hard, and remember who we are. The Spirit of VMI is alive and well within the Class of 2009.

- John Tagg, Historian of 2009



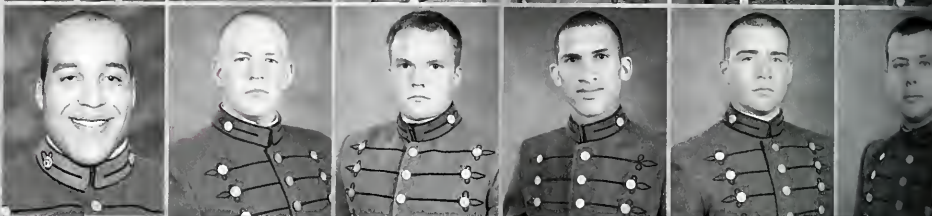
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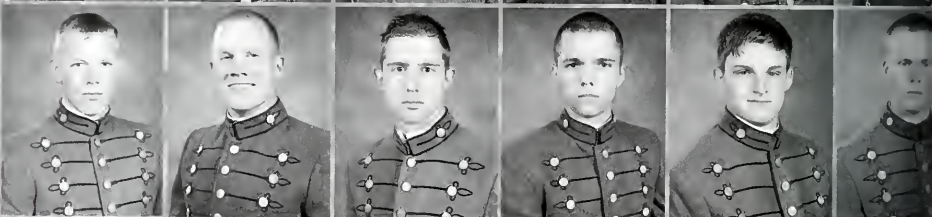
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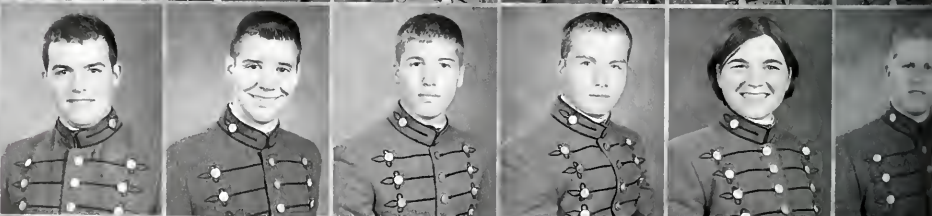
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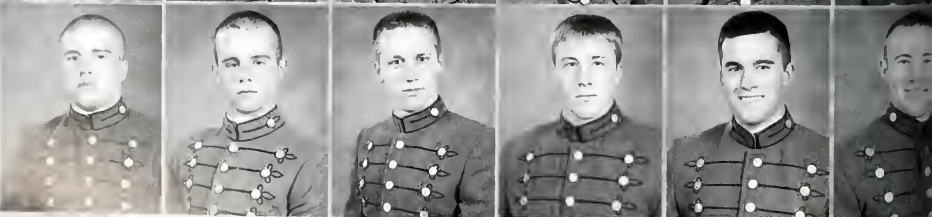
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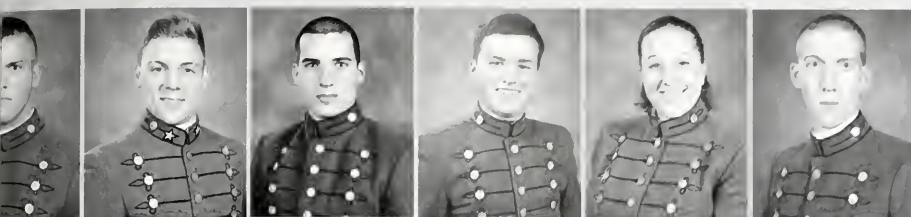


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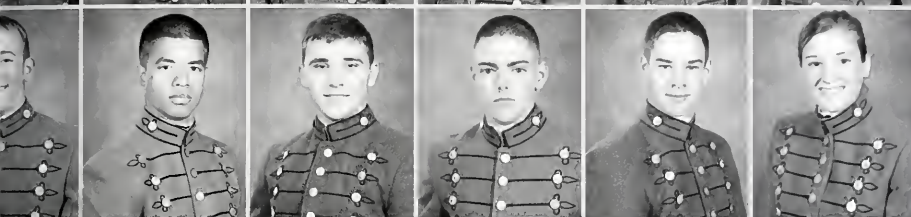




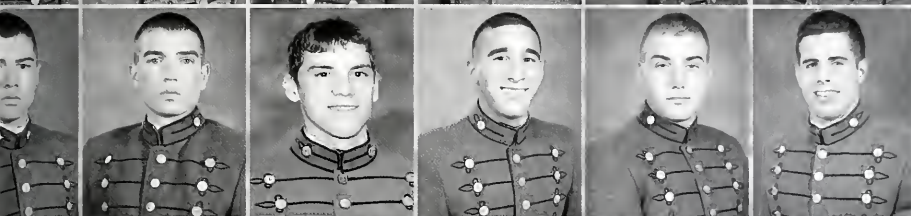
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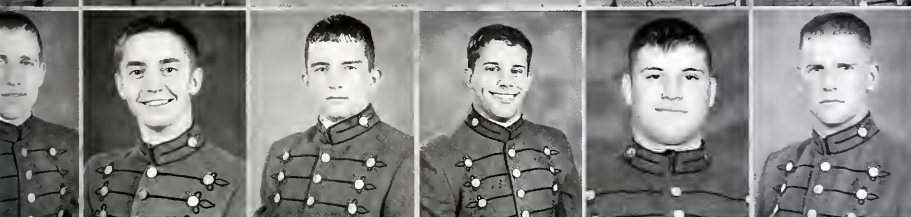
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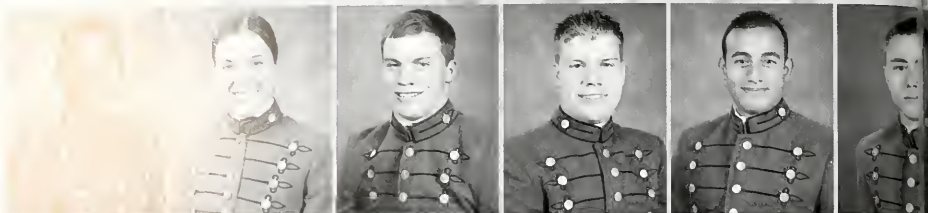


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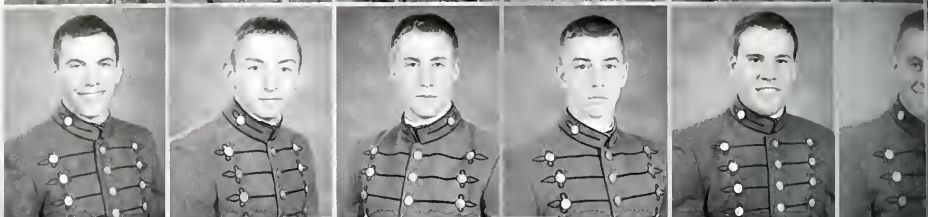
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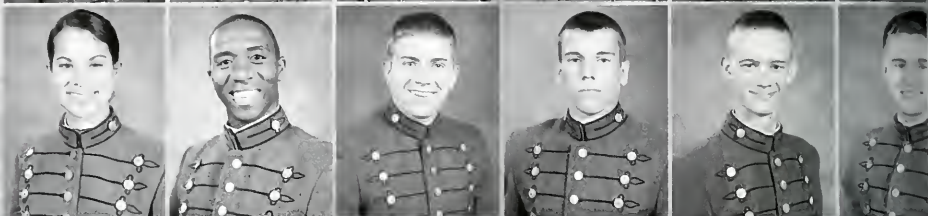
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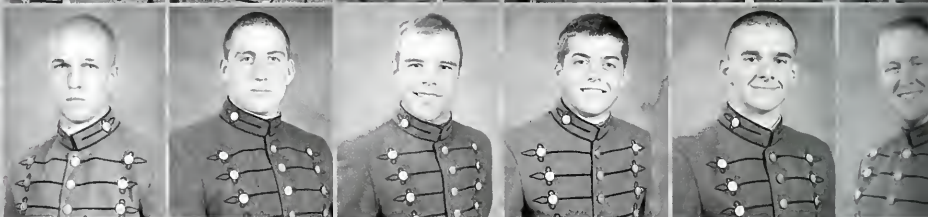
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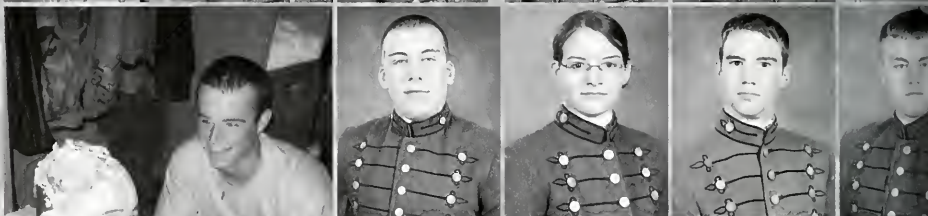
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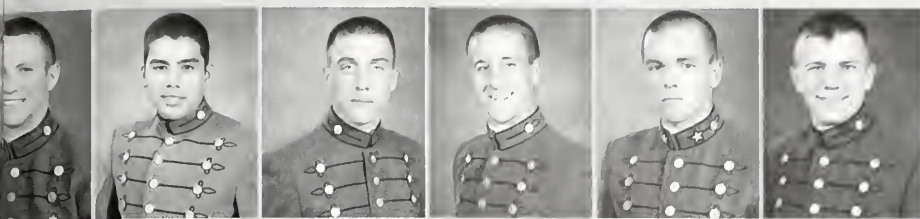


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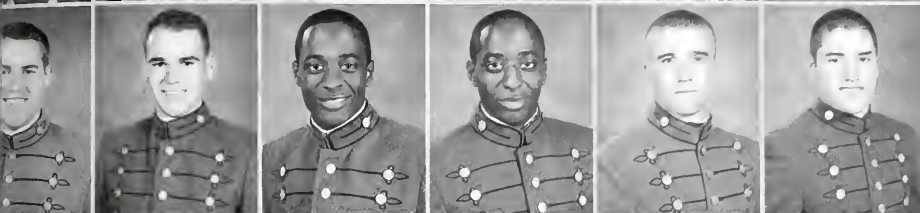


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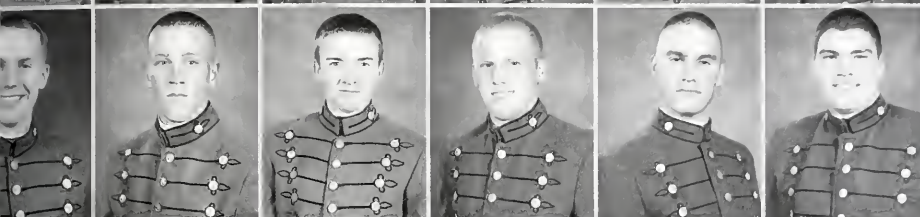




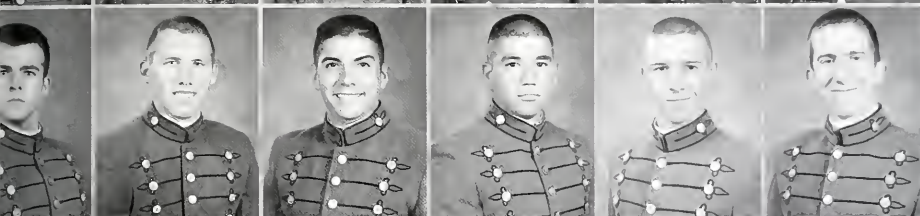
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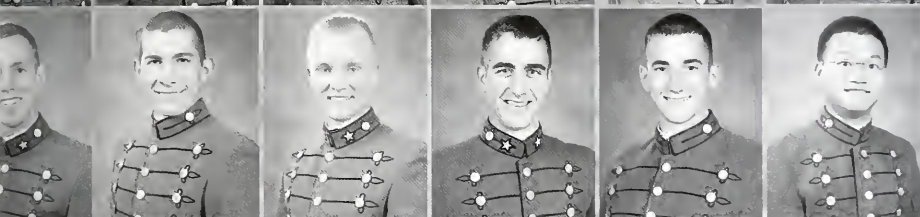
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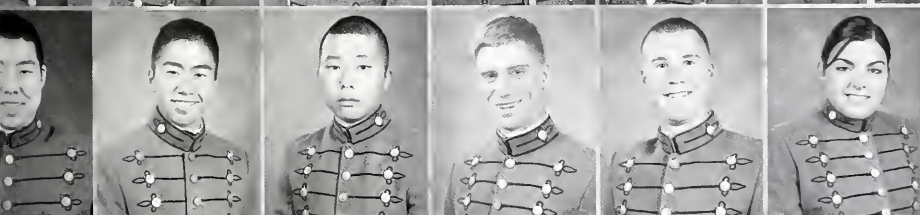
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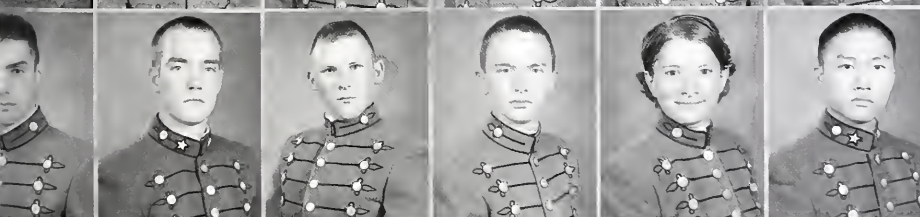
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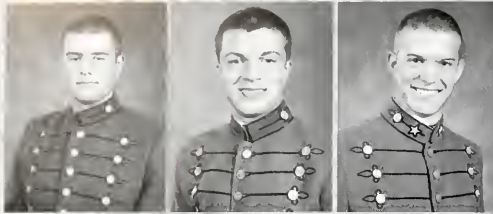
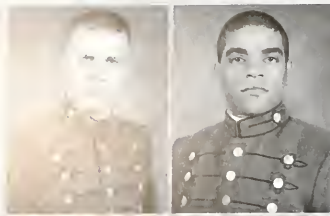


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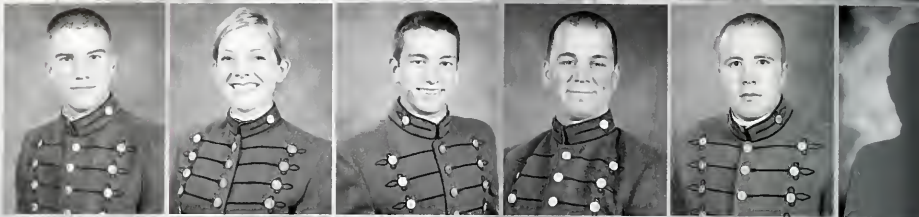


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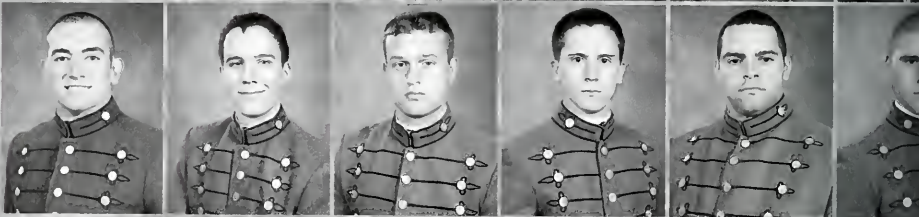
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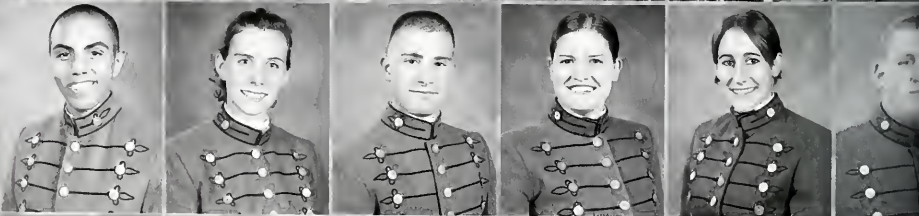
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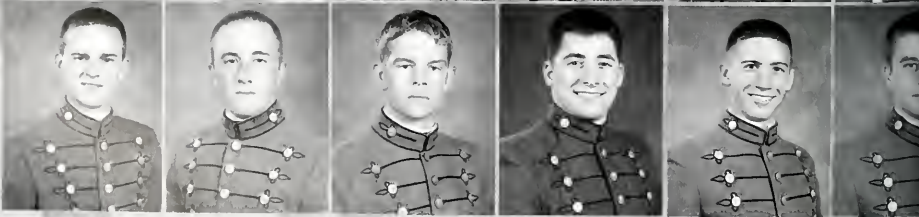
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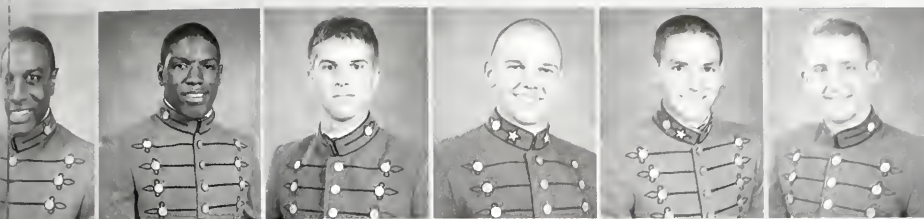
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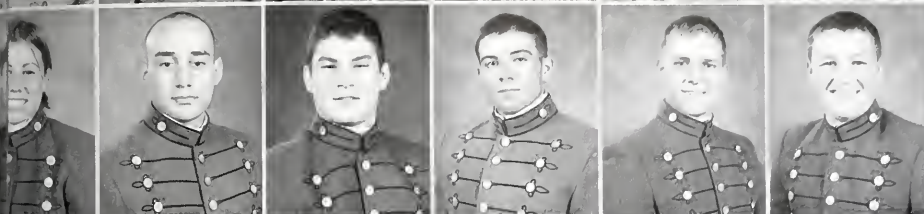
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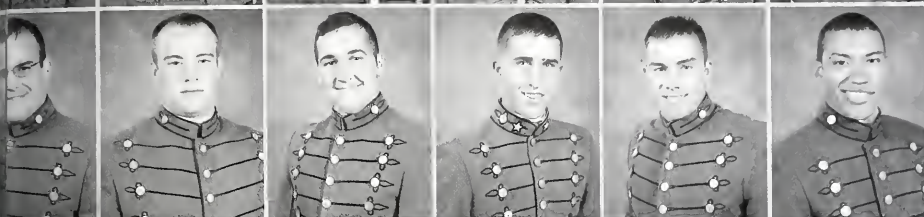




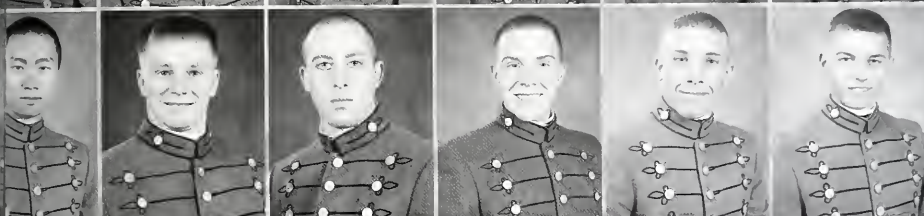
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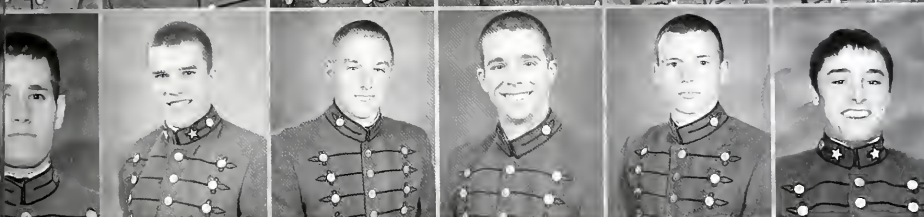
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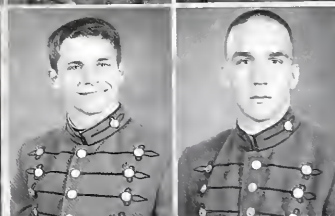
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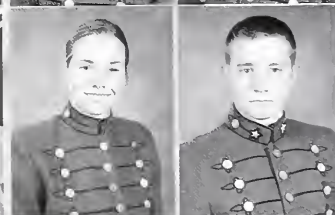
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Chapter 5

The Fourth Class

World War II, 1941-1945

George Catlett Marshall, Class of 1901, was appointed Chief of Staff with the rank of General by President Franklin Roosevelt on 1 September, 1939. The news headline for the day, however, was "Germany invades Poland." Europe was again at war. Under the direction of the new Chief of Staff, America began to prepare for battle.

On 8 December 1941, VMI Superintendent and Medal of Honor recipient, Charles Kilbourne called the Corps together for an announcement in Jackson Memorial Hall. Every cadet knew that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor the previous day—every cadet now pondered what their personal response would be. Standing in front of the mural, *Charge of the New Market Cadets*, General Kilbourne told the cadets that he understood their impulse to get into the fight, but he reminded them that the nation would need trained young officers in unprecedented numbers. Stay at VMI and prepare for the call to duty, he concluded. The call soon came; upon graduation the entire Class of 1943 joined the armed forces. The Class of 1943 remains the most decorated class in VMI history. From Commanding General to Private, over 4,000 alumni answered the call to duty during the next four years. Sixty-three became general officers. One hundred eighty-five gave their life.



COL William Couper, Class of 1904, captured the enormity of global conflict when he wrote: *It was in fact a world war and men who had worn the V. M. I. gray safely convoyed comrades across the never slumbering sea, fought over its pathless surface or down in its vast depths; they flew the relentless man-made birds of the air forces; toiled through the dan- fever-infested swamps of Burma; wrested quaggy jungles on Pacific isles from fanatical Japanese conquerors; staggered in the mud in long columns over strange lands under soggy packs; carried on in the mountains of the Italian peninsula, the shell-shattered roads of the Low Countries, the fiery sands of Africa, the immense frozen flows of Iceland, the fog-bound Alps, and where not—literally from Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand. Yes, on raging, icy oceans; far above in the boundless heavens; in mazes of trenches, drifts and fox-holes, and oft ensnared in a gory tangle of barbed wire many of these young men met their God—gentlemen unafraid.*

Seven weeks after Pearl Harbor news of the first alumni death arrived. George Handy, Class of 1940, was killed in the Battle of Bataan, January 23, 1942. His VMI class ring was cut from his finger by a Japanese soldier. Later a Philippine native bought the ring from the soldier and sent it to Handy's father. The ring is now in the VMI Museum collection. Lt. Handy's uncle, General Thomas Handy, Class of 1914, served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army during the war.

Operation Overlord/Battle of Iwo Jima

at 0710 on 4 June, 1942, the first six Grumman Torpedo Bombers reached the Japanese fleet on their first bombing run of the war. Japanese Zeros swarmed around the lightly armored torpedo planes. Five of the new aircraft were shot down--- the only US plane left in the sky was piloted by Ensign Albert K. Earnest, Class of 1938. He dropped his torpedo in the direction of an enemy cruiser, then broke away as two Zeros pelted his plane with machine gun fire. "By guess and by God" Earnest managed to fly his plane back to Midway Island. His radioman was severely wounded; his machine gunner was dead. Bert Earnest received three Navy Crosses during the war. The bullet scarred and blood stained flight helmet he wore on 4 June is a part of the VMI Museum collection.

A shattered canteen in the museum collection documents the action during the Battle of Anzio, Italy, in April 1944. Charles Hamner, Class of 1934, was fighting with the 10th Mountain Division. Suddenly he felt the impact of several rifle rounds and a warm sensation at his hip. Fearing that he was mortally wounded, he reached back to investigate the injury. Much to his relief, he was not injured but his canteen was destroyed. The full water container had deflected the bullets. Hamner brought the mangled canteen home, confident that it has saved his life.

On 6 June 1944, the European Invasion began on the beaches of Normandy, France. The first Corps Commander on the beach that day was Leonard Gerow, Class of 1911, commanding the V Corps. Alumni serving in every rank went ashore during the following weeks and months.

In October 1945, the Japanese forces in China surrendered. The senior ranking American officer in the theater, Major General Lemuel Shepherd, Class of 1917, received the surrender.

Never before in the history of VMI, or the nation, had there been a greater demand for the VMI Citizen-Soldier.



World War II

Matriculation



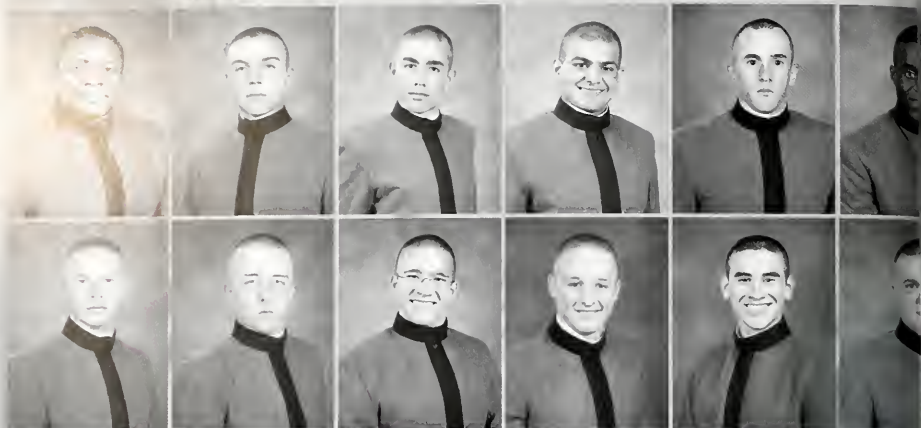
On a hot August afternoon, 438 matriculants were marched away from their families into the loving arms of the Institute's finest. Life would never be the same...



19 August, 2006



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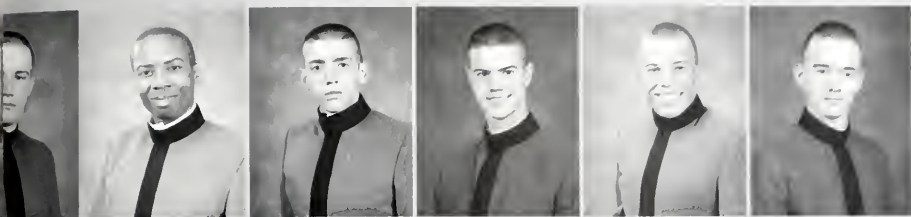


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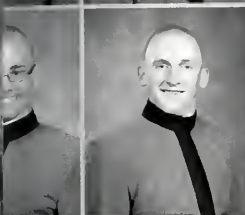
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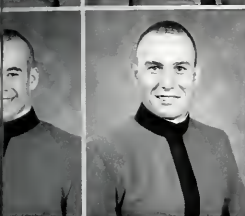
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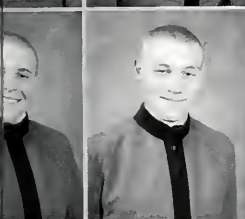
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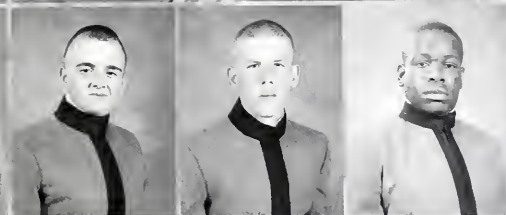
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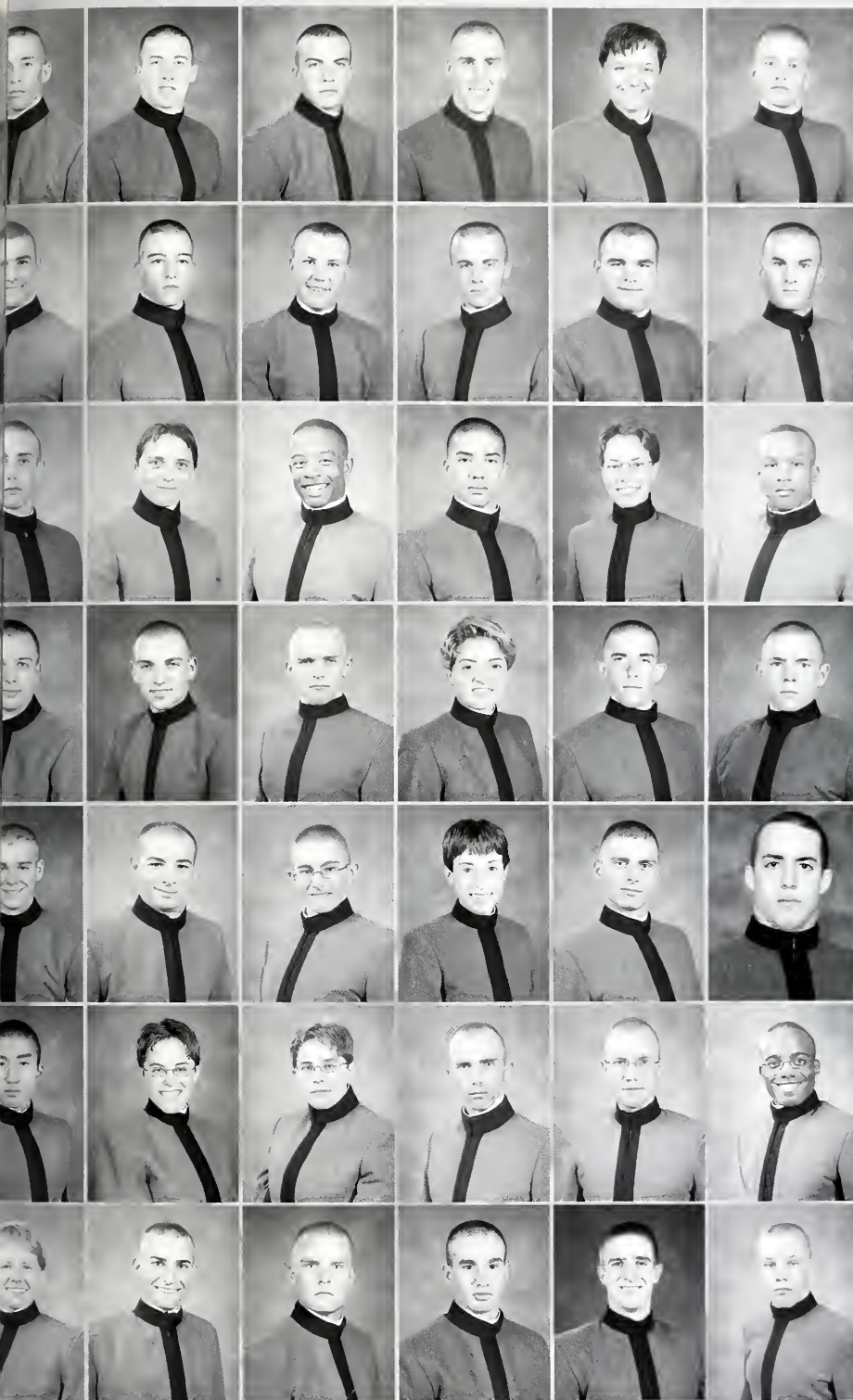
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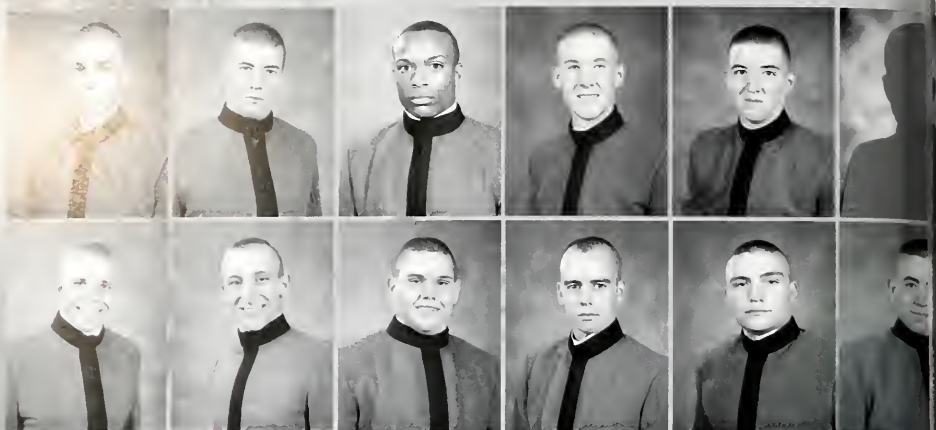
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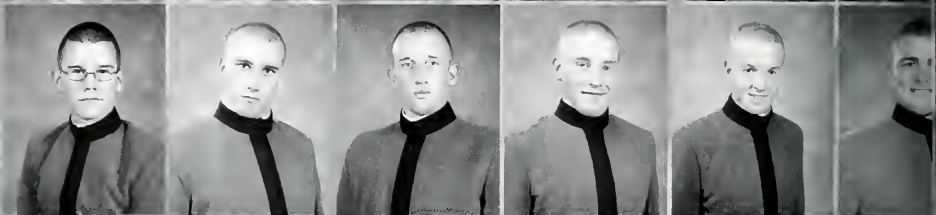
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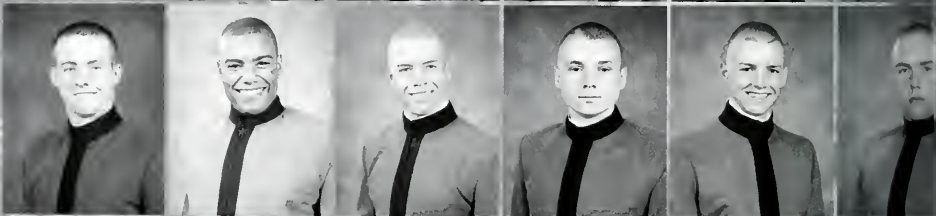
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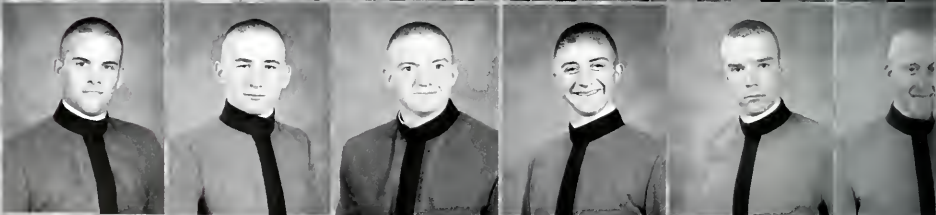
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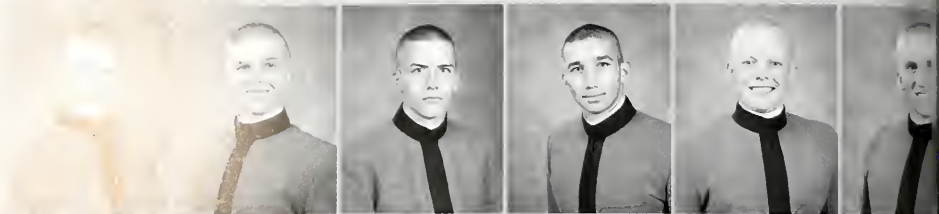
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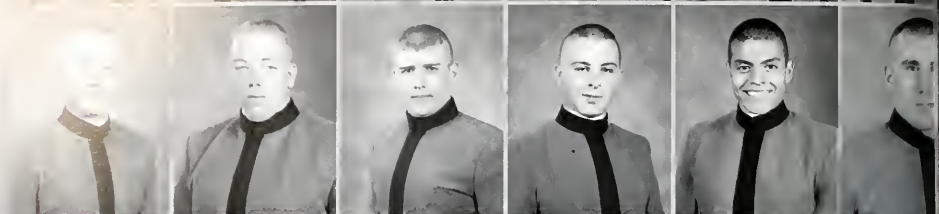
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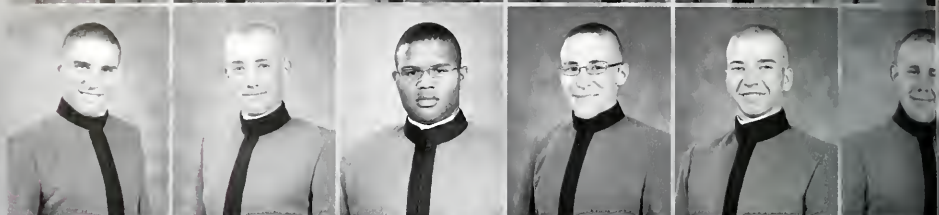
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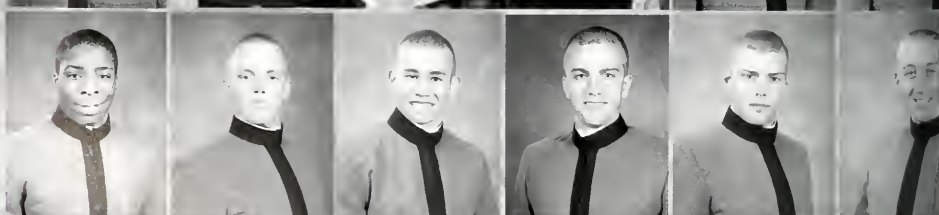
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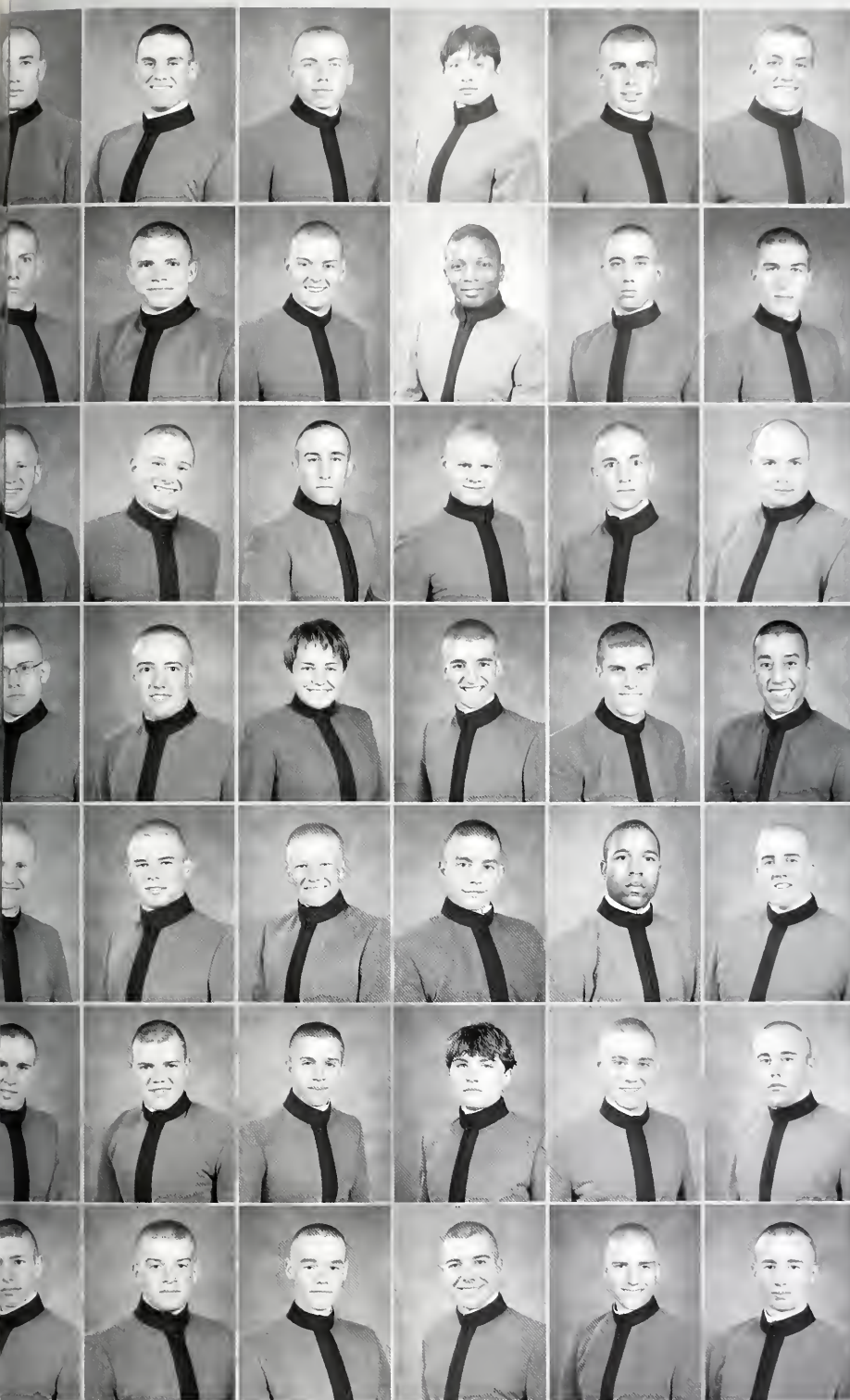


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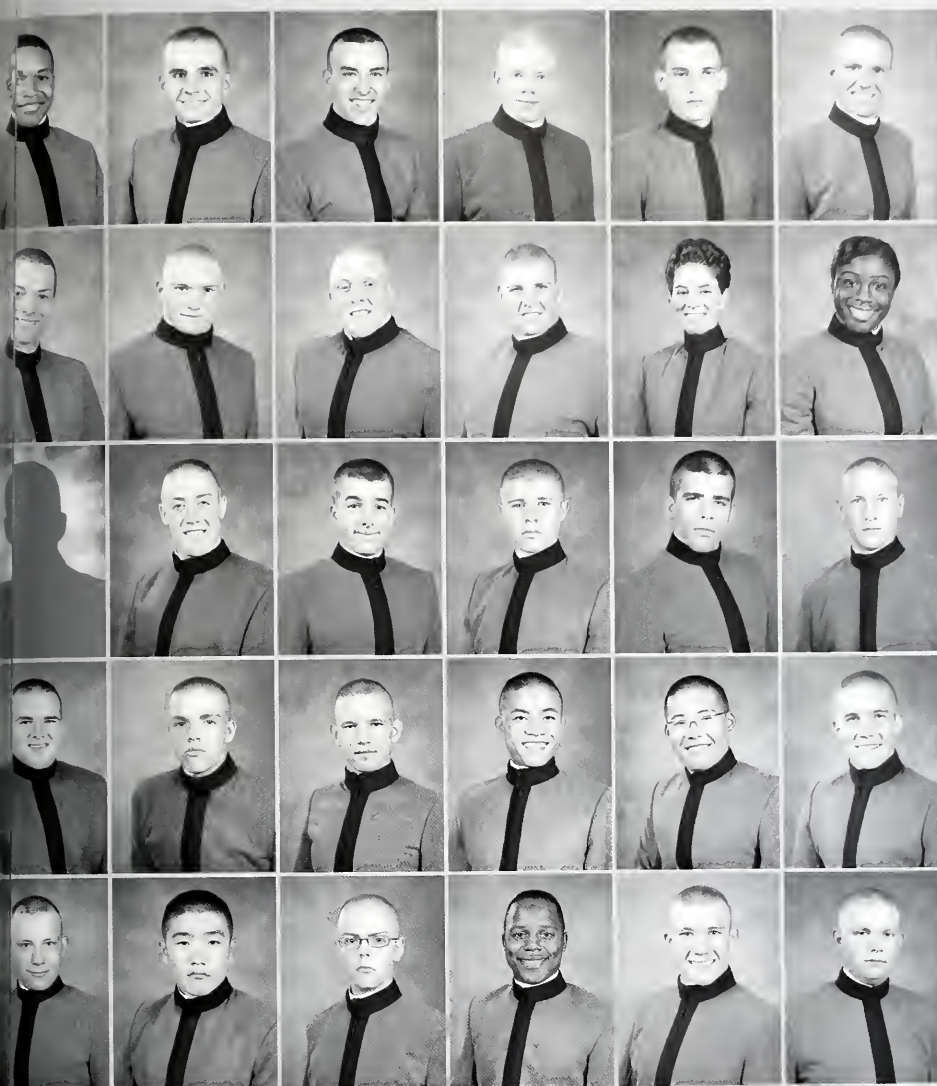
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Rat

Challenge



A motivating meeting between Rat Challenge Cadre and the newly matriculated Rats sparked a series of events that provide opportunities for Rats to overcome mental and physical limitations and develop team unity within their company. From August until November, the Rats participated in the Vertical Entry into water, Rock Climbing and Rapelling, High Ropes, Wall problems, and the ever punishing Pug Sticks and Ranger Pit.

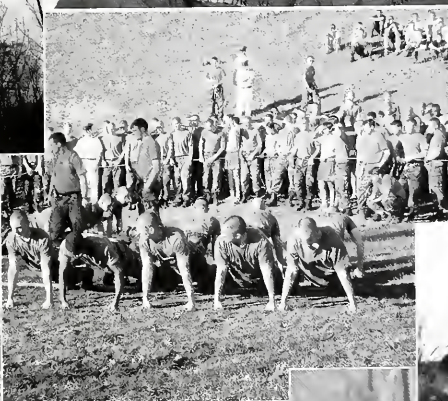
The three months of Rat Challenge culminated in a two-day event called Rat Olympics. Each Rat company put forth their efforts in several timed and graded events to see who would be crowned Rat Olympic Champions. The 2007 Rat Olympics Champion is Golf Company with runner-up going to Echo Company.

Overall, this was another successful year of Rat Challenge and it could not have happened without the Rat Challenge Company Cadre and Station Cadre whose leadership and mentorship positively impacted many lives. Thank you for all you did. We would also like to thank the PE department and the Rat Challenge Supervisor, Capt. Powell, as well as our NCOIC, Lawton Drake, and Clerk, Randy Cunningham.

Rat Challenge CIC
Clay Piersall

Rat Challenge ACIC
Ryan Marsh





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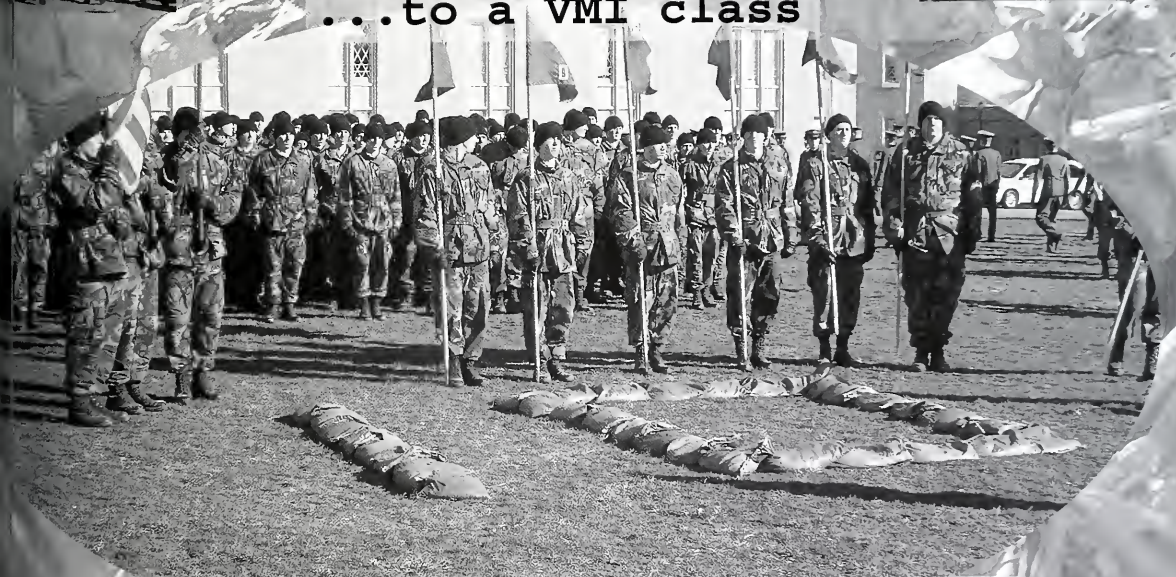
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22 January, 2007



...to a VMI class



Congratulations 2010

Breakout was an amazing life altering experience for the Class of 2010. As a class we worked hard together to achieve unity and Breakout truly showed us how unified we had become during the long months of the Ratline. Breakout was a gut check; we pushed ourselves to earn recognition as a class. Through our march to Jackson's grave, our many sweat parties, and our unique Breakout experience pulling howitzers up Sup's hill, we relied on one another to make it through the Ratline. As a class we also want to recognize the hard work that was put into the organizing and execution of our Breakout. Thank you Class of 2007 Charles L. Cash, 2010 GC President

CHAPTER 6

CADET LIFE




Korea, 1950-1953

Released from Japanese control after World War II, Korea was divided north and south--along the 38th parallel in 1948. The Soviet Union controlled interests in the north, while the United States occupied the south. The newly coined phrase, "Cold War" would be tested on 25 June 1950, when communist Northern Korean forces crossed the arbitrary dividing line and invaded the southern democratic section of the country. An urgent "police action" by the United Nations against the aggressors quickly followed, with the United States leading the UN effort. Three weeks later Second Lieutenant Howell Thomas, Class of 1947, became the first of 26 VM alumni to die on the Field of Honor.

The North Korean army quickly pressed the inadequately trained and poorly equipped South Korean forces into a small region on the southeastern corner of the country named Pusan. The quick success of the North Korean army was viewed by much of the free world as an indicator of a global Communist threat. The US Eighth Army, commanded by Walton Walker, Class of 1909, was sent from Japan to reinforce the South Koreans.

By mid-September, 1950, General Douglas MacArthur, overall theater commander, had devised a plan intended to cut the North Korean supply lines. MacArthur's strategy called for a massive amphibious invasion from the western side of the country at the port city of Inchon. The assault was led by X Corps commander Ned Almond, Class of 1915. The swift success of the X Corps and 1st Marine Division in the west, and Walker's 8th Army in the east lead newspapers to report that the troops would be home by Christmas. As the U.S.-led armies pushed northward, the Chinese army flooded over the border to aid of the faltering North Koreans.

BREAKTHROUGH AT CHIPYONG-NI



The influx of Chinese troops required U.S. soldiers and marines to retreat south of the 38th Parallel. The withdrawal was accomplished in sub-zero weather with heavy losses on both sides. Lewis "Chesty" Puller, Class of 1921, earned his fifth Navy Cross commanding the 1st Marine Regiment in the fight. When he was informed that his command was being overwhelmed by 11 Chinese regiments, the outspoken "Chesty" replied, "All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us...they can't get away this time!" Rushing to the front, General Walker was killed on 23 December 1950, when his jeep collided with a civilian vehicle.

By the middle of 1951, no-man's land had stabilized near where the war had started 12 months earlier—at the 38th Parallel. Peace negotiations began, but would take two more deadly years. On 14 October 1952, Edward Schowalter, Jr, Class of 1951, 31st Infantry, received the Medal of Honor. In part, his citation reads: "...although wounded, 1st Lt. Schowalter continued to spearhead the assault. Nearing the objective he was severely wounded by a grenade fragment but, refusing medical aid, he led his men into the trenches and began routing the enemy from the bunkers with grenades. Suddenly from a burst of fire from a hidden cove off the trench he was again wounded. Although suffering from his wounds, he refused to relinquish command and continued issuing orders and encouraging his men until the commanding ground was secured and then he was evacuated.

A negotiated ceasefire ended the fighting on 27 July 1953. Exactly one year and one day later Stanley Wright, Class of 1951, became the last alumnus to die when the rescue helicopter he was piloting went down enroute to a U.S. Air Force jet crash site.

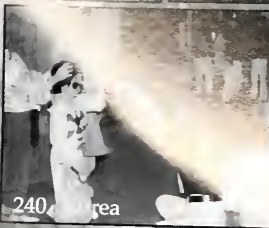
Over 2,000 alumni served in the armed forces between 1950 and 1955. Over the next four decades a tour in Korea became a standard experience for alumni in the Army. The Cold War, significantly warmed by the Korean conflict, continued into the 1980's.

KOREAN WAR

HALLOWEEN



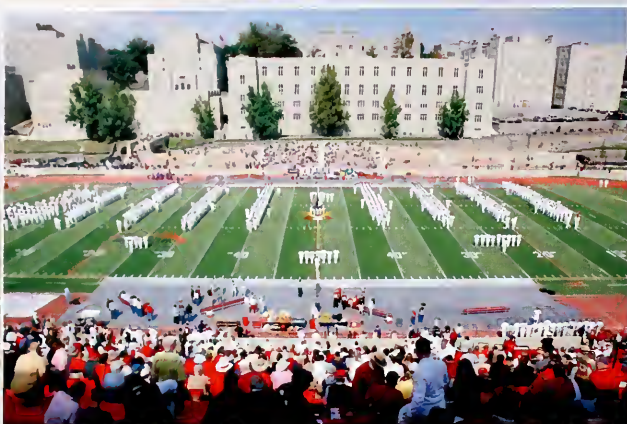
HONOR COURT PRESIDENT



CHRISTMAS



HOMECOMING



Homecoming Court

Queen

Megan Blauser

Escorted by Ryan Smith

Bravo Company

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 Brittany Hall, escorted by Sam Alvarenga -- Delta
 Alisia Prescott, escorted by Patrick McGill -- Band
 Danielle Parkison, escorted by Rob Didomenico -- Echo
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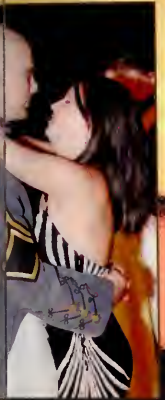


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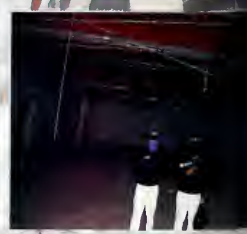


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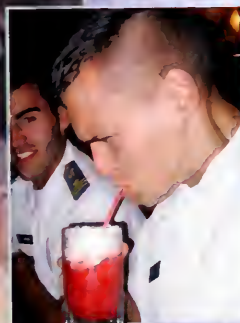
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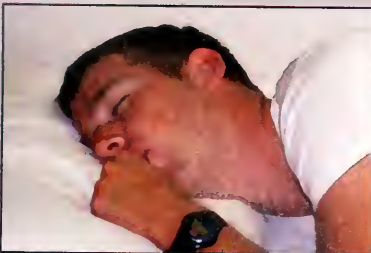
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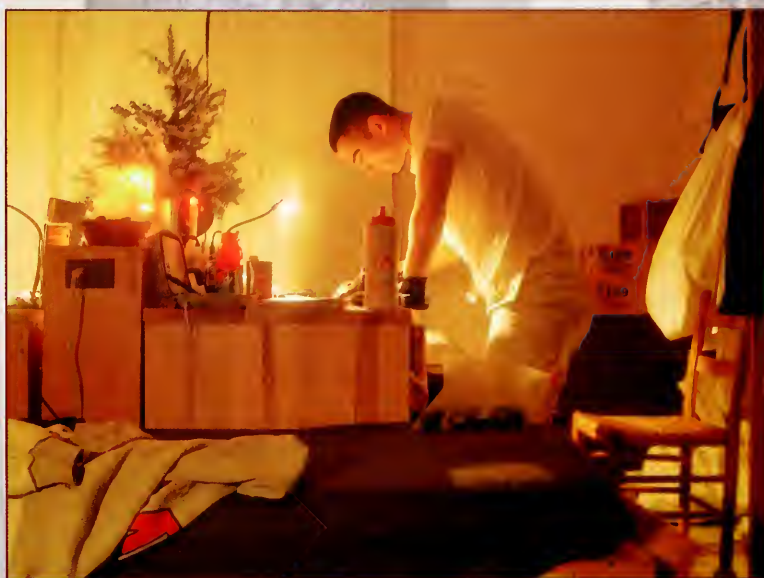


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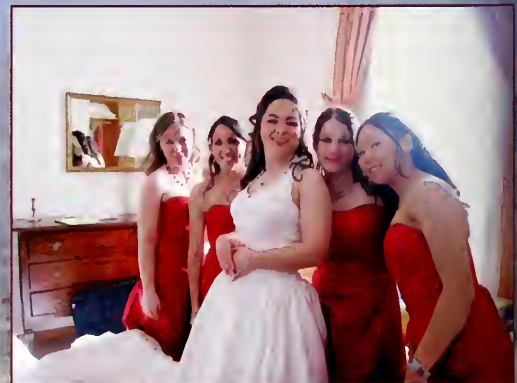


AWAY





ABROAD





AFGHANISTAN

IRAQ

MEET THE LOCALS
(NOTICE THEY HAVE "THINGS"
THEY WANT TO SHOW YOU)

**TRANSPORTATION
IS PROVIDED**

**HOUSING IS
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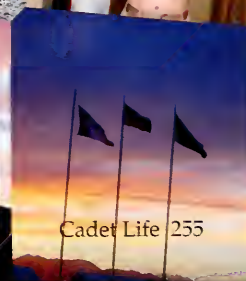
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CHAPTER 7

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Vietnam, 1964-1975

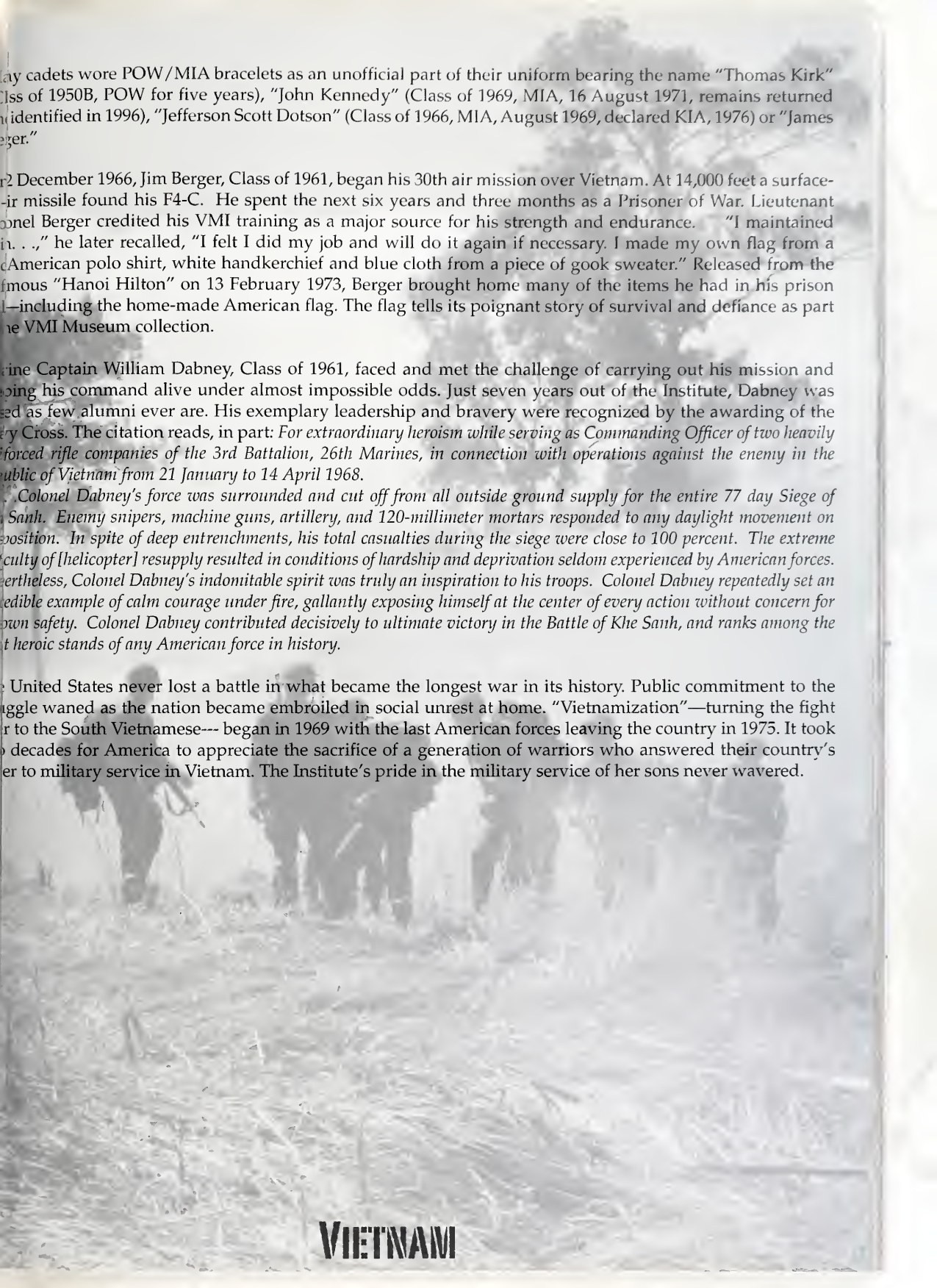
After a nine year struggle, France found it impossible to reestablish its pre-World War II colony of Indochina and withdrew from the region in 1954. Vietnamese nationals under communist leader Ho Chi Minh found it equally impossible to unite the nation. The creation of South Vietnam and its Army of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) resulted in a civil war that would draw in Soviet Union and United States interest for the next twenty years. VMI Alumni were already serving in the region in advisory capacities to the RVN before the U.S. troop build-up began in 1965. Over 4,000 VMI alumni answered the call to duty between 1964 and 1975. The Roll of Honor was increased by 43 names during that time.

Bravery—and humanity—finds many expressions in war. A Vietnamese farmer was brought into the hospital where Major General James W. Humphreys, MD, Class of 1935, was stationed. The farmer had a live rocket propelled grenade lodged in his back. Not wishing to ask his staff to execute the life threatening operation Humphreys performed the surgery. The grenade was removed and safely detonated. The farmer enjoyed a full recovery.

Dr. Verne Chaney, Class of 1945, pursued his Hippocratic Oath by establishing the Tom Dooley Foundation to provide medical services to children and civilians in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam: "It's no longer enough to talk and write about what you believe," Chaney declared, "you must live it." As one of the most decorated Army surgeons to serve in the Korean War, Chaney spent the decade of the '60s administering medical aid in Asia.



ASSEMBLY ON HILL 472



ay cadets wore POW/MIA bracelets as an unofficial part of their uniform bearing the name "Thomas Kirk" (Class of 1950B, POW for five years), "John Kennedy" (Class of 1969, MIA, 16 August 1971, remains returned and identified in 1996), "Jefferson Scott Dotson" (Class of 1966, MIA, August 1969, declared KIA, 1976) or "James Berger."

2 December 1966, Jim Berger, Class of 1961, began his 30th air mission over Vietnam. At 14,000 feet a surface-to-air missile found his F4-C. He spent the next six years and three months as a Prisoner of War. Lieutenant Colonel Berger credited his VMI training as a major source for his strength and endurance. "I maintained my faith in . . .," he later recalled, "I felt I did my job and will do it again if necessary. I made my own flag from a faded American polo shirt, white handkerchief and blue cloth from a piece of gook sweater." Released from the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" on 13 February 1973, Berger brought home many of the items he had in his prison—including the home-made American flag. The flag tells its poignant story of survival and defiance as part of the VMI Museum collection.

Lieutenant Colonel William Dabney, Class of 1961, faced and met the challenge of carrying out his mission and keeping his command alive under almost impossible odds. Just seven years out of the Institute, Dabney was regarded as few alumni ever are. His exemplary leadership and bravery were recognized by the awarding of the Distinguished Service Cross. The citation reads, in part: *For extraordinary heroism while serving as Commanding Officer of two heavily armed rifle companies of the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 21 January to 14 April 1968.*

Colonel Dabney's force was surrounded and cut off from all outside ground supply for the entire 77 day Siege of Khe Sanh. Enemy snipers, machine guns, artillery, and 120-millimeter mortars responded to any daylight movement on the position. In spite of deep entrenchments, his total casualties during the siege were close to 100 percent. The extreme difficulty of [helicopter] resupply resulted in conditions of hardship and deprivation seldom experienced by American forces. Nevertheless, Colonel Dabney's indomitable spirit was truly an inspiration to his troops. Colonel Dabney repeatedly set an excellent example of calm courage under fire, gallantly exposing himself at the center of every action without concern for his own safety. Colonel Dabney contributed decisively to ultimate victory in the Battle of Khe Sanh, and ranks among the greatest heroic stands of any American force in history.

The United States never lost a battle in what became the longest war in its history. Public commitment to the struggle waned as the nation became embroiled in social unrest at home. "Vietnamization"—turning the fight over to the South Vietnamese--- began in 1969 with the last American forces leaving the country in 1975. It took decades for America to appreciate the sacrifice of a generation of warriors who answered their country's call to military service in Vietnam. The Institute's pride in the military service of her sons never wavered.

VIETNAM

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



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CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



Faidley (C); Bruzzese; Breer; Carter; Colella; Holt; Hussman; Jones
Advisor: COL

BODY BUILDING



Boyle-White (CIC); Aikens; Allen; Bailey; Barnes; Belt; Bennett; Berkowitz; Blackman; Bradshaw; Brannen; Brown; Bryant; Byerly; Chang-Lo; Cheng; Childrey; Christian; Coffman; Cronan; Cvengros; Desch; Donovan; Dupilka; Duvigneaud; Eftekhar; Faff; Fager; Faison; Farley; Fortier; Frantz; Graff; Hafkemeyer; Hamm; Harrelson; Harvey; Hash; Hernandez; Hoyt; Hughes; Hunter; Hutaff; Jackson; Johnson; Kari; Keller; Keller; Kerkhof; Kim; Leary; Lee; Lin; Liu; Luangjinda; Lund; Matthews; McGeorge; McLean; McClish; Miles; Mitchell; Nilles; Neal; Nold; O'Connell; O'Connor; Olson; Pantaleo; Parker; Pillow; Pittman; Priest; Purrello; Raffaele; Renaghan; Ress; Rice; Riggs; Robertson; Schmidt; Scott; Scribner; Sculley; Shih; Simmons; Singleton; Huffin; Snyder; Spontarelli; Staab; Stanislawski; Stockman; Sutliff; Swanson; Sykes; Tommaso; Turner; Wasson; West; Williams; Wilson; Yih; Young; Aremba

Advisor: MAJ Beasley

BIG RED CLUB



Peranski (CIC); Young (CIC); Guy; Shih; Jacaruso; Bafford

CROQUET



Bafford (CIC); Rexford (CIC); Bernard; Betts; Guy; Prugh; Shih; Young
Advisor: CPT Faust

RAQUETBALL



Bishop (CIC); Brown; Czupryna; Dietrich; Falcon; Henriet; Husson; Karlson; Konrad; Lento; Magno;
McWilliams; Prible; Wade
Advisor: CPT Joyce

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS



Terminato (Pres); Keneipp (VP); Sexton (Sec/Tres); Walton (Planning); Beducian; Copes; Fain; Fields; Graham; Harrelson; Jones; Kim; McCloskey; McElroy; McGuire; Nold; Phillips; Pool; Ray; Robbins; Shaffner; Stauffer; Steptoe; VanCleef; Weatherford; Wilson; Young; Czaplicki
Advisor: Mr. David Coffey

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS



Bass (Chair); Harbin (Chair); Lingamfelter (Chair); Malta (Chair); Baker; Barr; Beckstrand; Bernard; Bond; Brookes; Cantrell; Caporiccio; Clementson; Crowder; Davis; Delong; Evans; Feole; Fiasconaro; Fortier; Fox; Fritts; Giacalone; Griffith; Hindler; Hohn; Hutton; Jones; Judge; Korbely; Kosecki; Kosecki; Krahling; Kriz; Lamneck; Lohr; Lukenbill; Markow; Maurice; McGettigan; Millson; Minter; Montgomery; Moore; Murphy; Mycio; Newman; Nweeia; O'Hara; Patoka; Prugh; Robertson; Ruppert; Saunders; Simpson; Stelly; Sterbenz; Sundbeck; Wade; Williams; Wilson
Advisor: Mary Ann Dellinger

DRILL TEAM



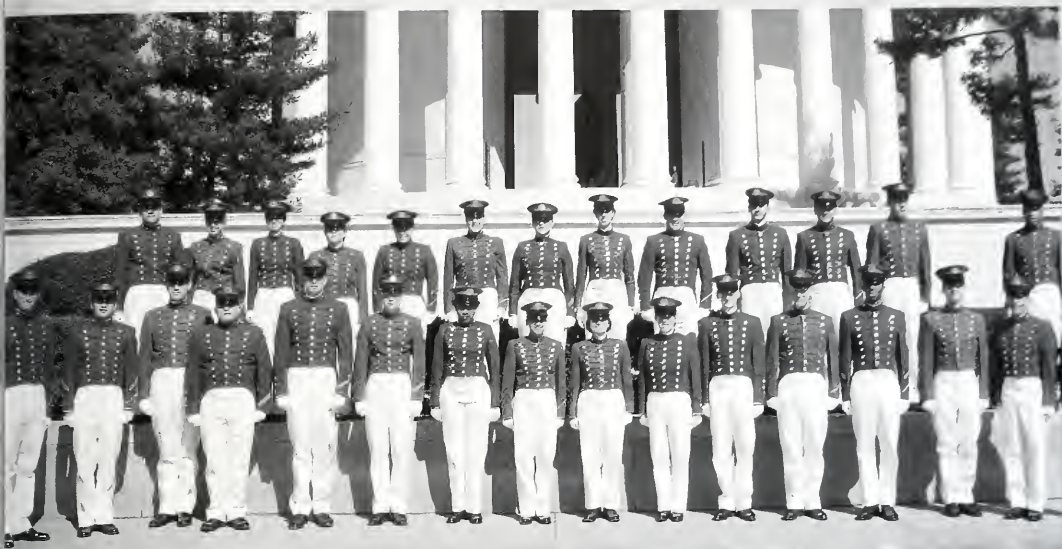
Weber (CIC); Abruzzese; Adams; Aya-Ay; Ballou; Duke; Krumm; Kunz; Minter; Morgan; Rosarda; Somma; Winkler
Advisors: CPT Casper; SGM Neel

SPECIAL ACTIONS DETACHMENT



Kerrebrock (CIC); Stiles (ACIC); Cortes; Czaplicki; Fain; Green; Haviley; Johnson; Keys; Kokal; Kunert; Macrini; McCabe; McKeegan; Schrafft; Wiezorek
Advisor: CPT Pegg

GLEE CLUB



Loman (CIC); Thompson (ACIC); Adkins; Alley; Aloisio; Aloisio; Baker; Bennie; Bloomstrom; Charles; Church; Diggs; Espinosa; Farley; Fritts; Giacalone; Gibbs; Habersang; Halnon; Halnon; Harris; Johnson; Kim; Landies II; Lauderdale; Lendabarker; Lewis; Martin; McAtee; Oftedahl; Piersall; Preisser; Sellers; Sgrignoli; Spahr; Squires; Toman; Wermus; Whitten
Director: COL Brodie

TIMMONS-GENTRY MUSIC SOCIETY



Nold; Nold; Oftedahl; Stelly
Advisor: LTC Rachels

LEXINGTON FIREFIGHTERS



Campbell; Crush; Hiner; Nunes; Priest; Tudor

LEXINGTON RESCUE SQUAD



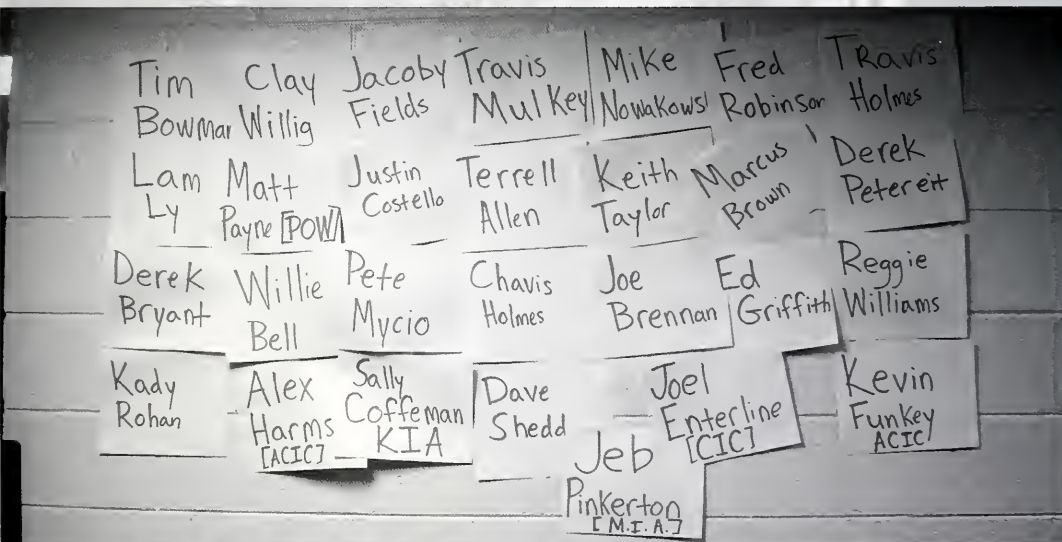
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS



Ernst (CIC); Orzechowski (ACIC); Bopp; Corcoran; Ernst; Helsel; Hiner; Jacaruso; Jones; Keith; Keneipp; McElroy; Miller; Murray; Nunes; O'Hara; Riggs; Stewart; Wu

CADET WAITERS



RANGER CHALLENGE



Gilroy (CIC); Bartol; Colella; Donaldson; Duncan; Flathers; Franck; Hatt; Johnson; Keirstead; Kirkendall; McGraw; McKinley; Montoya; Orzechowski; Pesano; Phillips; Pickenpaugh; Pohlman; Ray; Robertson; Roddenberry; Schlaseman; Scribner; Stalnaker; Tishman
Advisor: CPT Thompson

PAINTBALL.



Adkins; Arthur; Bowman; Bowman; Clarkson; Cox; Cox; Cunningham; Delpach; Gallina; Gede; Harrelson; Hindler; Hoyt; Jones; Kari; Kennedy; Leary; Matthews; Maurice; Milligram; Nicely; Preisser; Prible; Purpura; Stevenson; Tomysck; Warner; Way; Wojtas
Advisors: CPT Perry; MAJ Marsh; Kirby Arinder

PHILOSOPHY CLUB



Marsh (CIC); Bishop; Cauley; Fain; Washa
Advisor: Dr. Duncan Richter and Dr. Kirby Arinder

PROMAJI CLUB



Alexander (CIC); Resetar (ACIC); Allen; Brown; Diggs; Gaines; Holmes; Holmes; Jones; Nweke;
Robinson; Walton; Watkins; Williams; Williams
Advisors: COL Gire and COL Davis

NEW CADET MILITARY TRAINING



Dietrich (CIC); Adams; Adkins; Alexander; Anhold; Bartol; Cipperly; Corcoran; Crockett; Ernst; Esparolini; Faff; Fortier; Frantz; Frazier; Gonzales; Harvey; Hopkins; Jacaruso; Jones; Jones; Keys; Lamb; Leonhart; Lervant; Lilly; Lloyd; Martin; Maxwell; Maxwell; Mozelle; Nunes; Porter; Prinzing; Ray; Russo; Schmidt; Sculley; Smith; Somma; Staab; Sullivan; Wasson; Weber; Willard; Wilson; Young
Advisor: SGM Neel

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES



Simulcik (CIC); Piersall (ACIC); Klajnbart (ACIC); Biagini; Bisulca; Clementson; DeValk; Ecklund; Edwards; Ferrell; Feole; Fritts; Gottwald; Helsel; Litz; Welsh; Whitten
Advisor: CPT Powell

COMMANDERS JAZZ BAND



Hash (CIC); Allen; Bradley; Bryant; Burleson; Collie; Ernst; Gallagher; Gastrock; Halnon; Mawyer; McManus; Plitnik; Priest; Rau; Schmidt; Smith; Upchurch; Wentzel
Director: COL Brodie

COMPETTITION PIPE BAND



Konrad (CIC); Beard; Doughton; Douglas; Frizzell; Henning; Lawson; McClary; Orzechowski; Tamelin; Woloshuk; The Citadel...
Advisor: CPT Mitchell

SOUNDING BRASS



McClure (EIC); Anthony; Clifford; Harris; Kovarik; Marsh

THE CADET NEWSPAPER



McElroy (EIC); Adams; Beckley; Benson; Berkowitz; Bernard; Blum; Bugg; DeGennaro; Finger; Gordon; Guy; Halnon; Hash; Hennelly; Hughes; Kennedy; Keys; Kovarik; McClure; McIntosh; Messick; Millson; Pettengill; Priest; Richardson; Robinson; Sanders; Shedd; Swearingen; Travis; Weishaar; Williams

PUBBLACKAYSHUNS



Chapter 8

Club Sports

Cold War, 1947-1992

American soldiers left Vietnam in 1975, but there was still a high amount of tension between the Free World and the communist interest. South Vietnam would fall to the Communist North Vietnamese government and many other conflicts would ensue between and within countries that had competing ideologies.

In December of 1979, the Soviet Union entangled its southern neighbor, Afghanistan, in a classic Cold War scenario. The Soviets started deploying troops to help the local Marxist regime retain control, while the United States provided backing to Mujahideen insurgents who were attempting to overthrow communist rule. The Soviet-Afghanistan war would continue for nine years.

Meanwhile, in Grenada, the United States deployed forces to counter the newly established communist government, which aligned itself with Cuba and the USSR. Among the forces was the 82nd Airborne and in their ranks, Sergeant Major John Neel, Honorary Brother Rat of the Class of 2004. American soldiers found their way to Grenada on 27 October 1983 and within a month had accomplished their mission.



USS Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618)

at a couple of years later in 1987, the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale erupted, including forces from Cuba, Angola, and South Africa. Once again, the United States and Soviet Republic engaged in a proxy war by supporting their strategic interests.

Although communism continued to thrive in China, as demonstrated by the crushing of the Tiananmen Square protests in the summer of 1989, the Soviet Union was losing its grip on power. In 1988 Soviet forces withdrew from Afghanistan; the next year Poland became the first Soviet state to overthrow its communist ties. Many more nations followed suit, breaking away from Moscow. Later in 1989, the Berlin Wall, the physical symbol of the Cold War, fell and Germany reunited soon thereafter.

The Soviet Coup of 1991, however brief in success, led to the end of the struggle between the world's two superpowers. On December 31, the Soviet Union ceases to exist when the Hammer and Sickle lowered for the last time over the Kremlin. The following year, the President of the United States and of the Russian Federation declared a formal end to the Cold War.



The Cold War

Club Sports

Alpine Ski Team



Roster: Fusick (CIC); Golike (ACIC); Doughton; Farley; Nold; Porter; Sanders; Stelly
Advisor: Bob McMasters

Basketball



Roster: Holt (CIC); Alley; Catlett; Delatour; Freeman; Gibbs; Harvey; Hopping; Lutterbie; Peranski; Plemmons; Richmond; Swann
Coach: Al Campbell Assistant: MAJ Fridley

Boxing



Roster: Bernard (CIC); Smith (ACIC); Feltes; Ferguson; Fox; Lim; Maternik; Nichols; Seymor; Stolle; Veis; Wei
Coaches: SGM Allen Assistants: LTC Wranek and Larry Hinojosa

Cheerleading



Roster: Baker (CIC); Alexander; Diggs; Jones; McAtee; Sellers; West
Coaches: Jennifer Johnson and Jessica Taylor

Endurance

Marathon, Triathlon, Cycling, Bataan Memorial



Marathon: Plitnik (CIC); Swanson (ACIC); Aloisio; Barnekoff; Beard; Bloomstrom; Boykin; Brewer; Brown; Cash; Cornell; Craig; Delo; Doughton; Duncan; Farkas; Harms; Issler; Kosecki; Newton; MacDonald; Maier; McCormick; Mendillo; Nold; O'Brien; Pepka; Pettengill; Ream; Resetar; Robertson; Sayers; Schreibfeder; Smith; Washa; Worley
Triathlon: Kelly (CIC); Bacci; Douglas; Gallagher; Goldsmith; Kelley
Cycling: Warner (CIC); Kennedy; Pitzer
Bataan: Vinacco (CIC); Arthur; Huggins; Porter; Vezza; Woodard
Coaches: COL Bush; CPT Sykes; COL Tubbs

Ice Hockey

COL J. T. L. PRESTON



Roster: Canning (CIC); T. T. T. (ACIC); Babcock; Bowman; Durkee; Finger; Foster; Glass; Horgan; Kania; Limauro; McAvoy; Miraldi; Sarangese; Schwerer; Seidl; Smith; Wilhite; Williams
Coach: SGM Neel

Lacrosse



oster: Williams (CIC); Walmsley (ACIC); Bass; Easter; Joerdens; Lingamfelter; Oliver; Payne; Rohrback

Martial Arts

COL J. T. L. PRESTON



oster: Wills (CIC); Pfeiffer (ACIC); Allan; Gastrock; Henning; Major; Maldonado; Ostermann; Scott; Werle;
 oung
 dvisor: Michael Rhodes

Rugby



Roster: Watts (CIC); Brookes (ACIC); Adams; Boykin; Brister; Bryant; Carmen; Cary; Combs; Connolly; Correll; Day; Englehart; Fiasconaro; Garrett; Gerald; Griffith; Hague; Hill; Hingley; Hingley; Hughes; Johnsen; Jordan; Karoly; Kenny; Knight; Life; Lincoln; Madsen; Mello; Melshen; Messina; Richardson; Ross; Russell; Schluge; Shenefield; Tammelin; Tharp; Thomas; Waddell; Wasson; Wirth

Coach: Wayne Howe **Assistants:** LTC Irby and LTC Brown

Soccer



Roster: Woloshuk (CIC); Boykin; Clarkson; Cunningham; Daly; Daly; Dodge; Donovan; Freeman; Hiner; Johnson; Kim; Konev; Kotcharaksa; ...; Prinzing; Rasnick; Rawling; Riedel; Roland; Russman; Saccone; Sutli

Coach: Ted Grigorieff

278 Cold War

Softball



Hoster: Pinter (CIC); Bopp; Charles; Choi; Church; Kamura; Mack; Markow; Rohan; Pastor; Toman; Vickery
 Coach: LTC Funkhouser Assistant: GYSGT Johnson

Ultimate Frisbee



Hoster: Mattia(CIC); Bradley; Bowman; Cunningham; Esparolini; Fain; Holt; Kareem; Lamb; Piersall; Rose;
 Walton
 Coaches: MAJ Bang and MAJ Allen

Chapter 9

Varsity Sports

Desert Storm, 1991

On 2 August 1990, Iraq invaded its southern neighbor Kuwait. Immediately the United Nations mandated a withdrawal and imposed sanctions. The United States began to assemble a coalition of almost 30 nations to liberate the small Gulf country. Through the fall American forces planned, prepared and mobilized. Saudi Arabia provided the staging area for the coalition forces as the world waited for Saddam Hussein to concede. UN Resolution 661. Time ran out on 16 January 1991, when President George H. W. Bush ordered the beginning of the air war over Iraq.

As the corps formed up for SRC, word quickly spread that we were at war. Cadets crowded the TV room to watch live images on cable news of bombs exploding in Baghdad. At Taps, Superintendent John Knapp, Class of 1954, came to the Barracks Guard Room and addressed the corps. "Once the battle is joined, there can only be a welling up of patriotism and pride and heartfelt wishes for the success of our arms," he reminded the cadets. The corps had a very personal interest in the events unfolding 6,000 miles away. For the first time since New Market, members of the Cadet Corps were called to active duty: Cadets Joseph Davis and Harrison Kelly from the Class of 1994; Joseph Call, Adam Maurer, and Richard Pitchford were all from the Class of 1995.



Oil Fields of Southern Iraq

over 500 alumni served in the Gulf War; 86 members of the Class of 1988 alone. As they had in every conflict since the Mexican-American War, alumni served in every rank and every branch. General David Maddox, Class of 1960, commanded the V Corps and coordinated training and deployment of troops to Saudi Arabia from his headquarters in Frankford, Germany. Major General J. H. Binford Peay III, Class of 1961, commanded the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In the early morning hours of 24 February, he led the longest and the largest helicopter operation in history. Three hundred helicopters and 4000 soldiers began their march into Iraq. Once the force had established Cobra Base some 65 miles into the country, the desolate route was identified with a name well known to every alumnus: New Market. Every mile reminded VMI alumni of their legacy. Brigadier General Richard Timmons, Class of 1965, served as Assistant Division Commander, 82nd Airborne. Marine Brigadier General Granville R. Amos, Class of 1965, 3rd Marine Air Wing Assistant Commander, reflected on his experience, "We had problems. We sat down at all levels and came up with solutions to the problems, not necessarily from the book." By 27 February, Kuwait was liberated and a cease-fire was established.

Two graduates died in the short and decisive war: Major Thomas C. M. Zeugner, Class of 1976 and First Lieutenant Terry Plunk, Class of 1988. Both men were killed while disarming Iraqi land mines. In the 8 March 1991, issue of the VMI Cadet, an editorial by Cadet David Williams was published. Cadet Williams wrote:

With spring break beginning, the forthcoming warm weather, and the academic year winding down, cadets have much to ponder. They have lived through one of the most thorough victories in the history of war. It was a war which their friends and dykes fought, and a war which saw the death of some great men. Two of these men, Lieutenant Plunk and Major Zeugner, were VMI alumni who epitomized our schools service to this country. As cadets, we can only hope that after we graduate, we will continue to uphold the values and character exemplified by the men who will be eternally remembered—the men on the Parapet Wall.

Ten years later, on 11 September 2001, Lieutenant Commander David Williams, Class of 1991, was at his Pentagon office when American Flight 77 crashed into his station. The name David Williams joined those of Zeugner and Plunk on the wall—eternally remembered.



Gulf War

NCAA DIVISION 1

The 2006-2007 season has turned out well for the Keydets. The baseball team posted a winning season record of 34-21, setting the record for most wins for VMI. The basketball team gained nationwide attention upsetting several teams in conference finals and being declared Statistical Champions in Six Categories, among them Nation's Leading Scoring Team. The men and women of the rifle team posted many personal bests as well as being represented nationally as top shooters. The swim team did an outstanding job of once again defending their Northeast Conference Championship. Our teams have done a superb job this season and will be playing with high anticipation next fall.



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Football



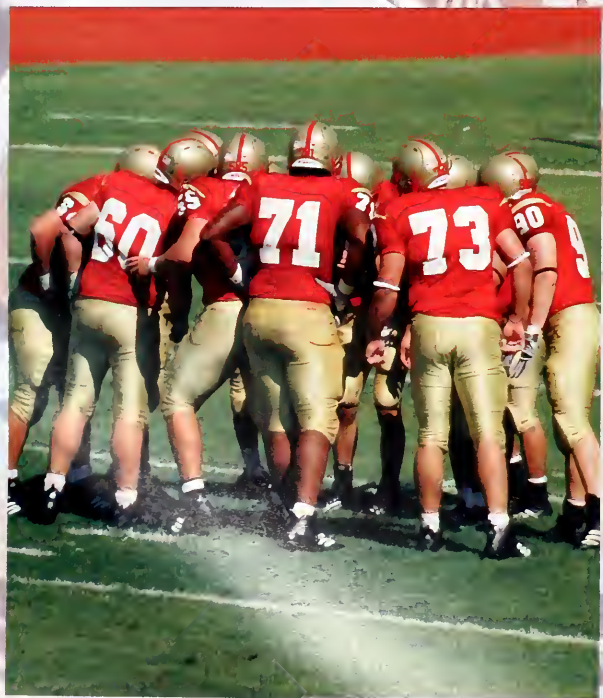
This football season was the inaugural season of the team's new coach, James Reid. The team won by a narrow margin in its first showing against Davidson setting up a great spirit for the rest of the season, the game was held on our home field at Foster Stadium, which has just been recently renovated.

The rest of the season ended in losses. At first the difference in scores between us and them were great. It didn't take long for Coach Reid to realize there was a problem with practices because the team was lacking in numbers. With all of the hard work and enthusiasm the team couldn't fix the numbers problem, and that's when the coach gave a speech in the mess hall about his commitment to creating a winning team. He enlisted the help of fifteen cadets who would become known as the New Market Squad. These extra cadets from the corps filled in as opposition during practice, allowing the coaches to find weaknesses in their own defenses.

The difference became nearly night and day. Although the team still lost the rest of the games, the difference in score was slim and every game was a good game to watch.



Football

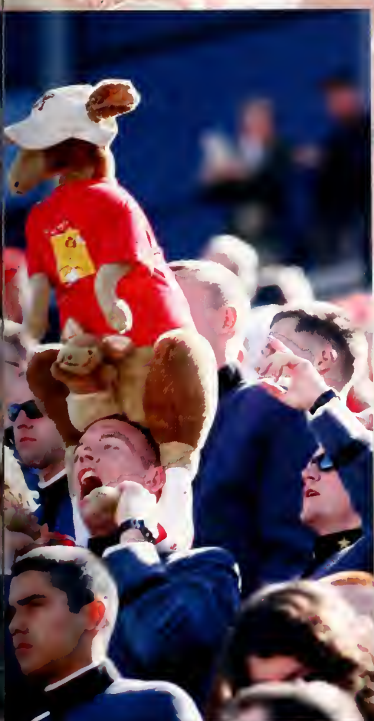


2006 Schedule

2 Sept. vs Davidson	W 20-19
9 Sept. at Norfolk State	L 19-32
16 Sept. at Richmond	L 7-58
23 Sept. at William and Mary	L 6-38
30 Sept. vs James Madison	L 7-41
7 Oct. at Army	L 7-61
14 Oct. vs Coastal Carolina	L 22-27
21 Oct. at Charleston Southern	L 22-27
28 Oct. at Gardner-Webb	L 31-35
11 Nov. at The Citadel	L 21-28
18 Nov. vs Liberty	L 32-38



Football



Football



Football



Soccer



MEN'S SOCCER 2006

8/26 vs Appalachian State	L 2-3
8/27 vs Long Island	L 0-3
9/4 vs Southern Virginia	W 2-1
9/8 at William and Mary	L 0-3
9/12 vs Liberty	L 2-3
9/16 vs Campbell	W 2-1
9/20 vs Radford	L 0-1
9/22 at Virginia Tech	L 1-5
9/27 at Howard	L 1-3
9/30 at High Point	L 0-2
10/4 vs Washington and Lee	T 0-0
10/7 at Winthrop	L 0-1
10/10 at Gardner-Webb	L 0-4
10/14 vs Coastal Carolina	L 0-2
10/19 vs Birmingham Southern	L 2-3
10/21 at UNC Asheville	L 0-1
10/24 at Longwood	L 0-1
11/2 vs Winthrop	L 0-2



Soccer

WOMEN'S SOCCER 2006

25 vs Wofford	L 0-3
1 at The Citadel	W 2-0
3 at Wagner	W 5-3
10 at Manhattan	L 0-6
17 vs Delaware State	W 3-1
20 at High Point	L 2-5
23 vs Winthrop	L 0-3
26 at Appalachian State	L 0-4
30 vs Radford	L 1-4
3 vs Liberty	L 0-3
8 at Coastal Carolina	L 0-2
10 vs Southern Virginia	W 6-2
15 at UNC Asheville	L 0-4
18 at Longwood	L 1-5
21 vs Charleston Southern	L 1-3
22 vs South Carolina State	W 5-0
29 at Birmingham-Southern	L 1-8



Soccer



Soccer



Cross-Country



Cross-Country



Basketball

...of terms when discussing the 2006-2007 basketball season. These included "run", "never say die", and even "helter skelter". But if you only had one word to sum up the year, you would be hard pressed to top the description – WOW!

The Keydets were picked to finish 8th in the Big South Conference before the season started by a wide margin. In fact, preseason 7th pick Radford finished with almost twice as many votes as VMI in the poll. In addition to the voting snub, the Keydets would also go on to lose two returning starters and two other players for the year to either injuries or off the court issues. This did not diminish the team's primary goal for the season, improving on the 7-20 record from the 2005-2006 campaign.

Coach Duggar Baucom and his staff implemented a new up-tempo style of play which emphasized creating turnovers on defense and pushing the ball up the floor on offense. The end result was, despite some early growing pains, the Keydets were in every game during the season. Even in the season opener against Ohio State, who would go on to play in the National Championship game, VMI found themselves only down by 5 at the first media timeout in the second half stunning the partisan Buckeye crowd.

VMI would go on to double the previous season's win total from 7 to 14. In the process, many school, arena, and even NCAA season records would fall as the Runnin' Roos used their new high octane system to change the perception of Keydet basketball.

In an early season 156-95 win over Virginia Intermont, VMI set 24 individual, team, and arena records. These included most points in a game (156), largest margin of victory (61), and Reggie Williams' 45-point total was the highest in Keydet history. Williams would go on to lead the nation in scoring for the season, averaging 28.1 points per game. For his efforts, Williams was named to the All-Big South Conference first team after the season.



Basketball



On the defensive end, Travis Holmes was the catalyst for the nation's leading team in steals per game. Not only did he lead the nation's steals per game, he also was named the Big South Conference Defensive Player of the Year. His twin brother Chavis also ranked in the top four nationally in steals for the season.

The team caught fire during the Big South Conference tournament in March and upset #3 seed Liberty on their home floor, #2 seed High Point, and played nationally ranked and #1 seed Winthrop for the conference championship at their home gym. Even though the Keydets topped a tight, hard fought battle 84-81 before a national television audience on ESPN, the team served notice that a new era of VMI basketball was here.

Senior leadership provided by co-captains Matt Curren, Fred Robinson, and Jack Castleberry was a key component to the success of this year's team. Just as important, however, was the overwhelming support of the Corps of Keydets who turned Cameron Hall into the loudest arena in the conference. Their encouragement was ever more evident than after defeating Liberty and even after just falling to Winthrop in the conference tournament, the entire corps made its way out to meet the team bus on arrival at the states to post. The Doxology never sounded so sweet!



Basketball

2006-07 SCHEDULE

11/12	at Princeton	W 152-118
11/12	vs South Dakota State	(Exhibition)
11/15	vs Virginia Intermont	W 120-78
11/20	vs Southern Virginia	L 69-107
11/22	at James Madison	L 68-73
11/25	at Howard	W 104-89
11/28	at Army	W 156-95
12/1	vs Cornell	W 144-127
12/2	vs Jacksonville State	L 87-89
12/6	vs Lees-McRae	L 111-115
12/9	vs Mercer	L 72-79
12/11	vs South Carolina State	L 94-99
12/20	at Richmond	L 85-87
12/30	at Penn State	W 135-75
1/6	at Winthrop	L 103-105
1/10	vs High Point	W 99-87
1/13	vs Charleston Southern	W 93-84
1/15	vs Coastal Carolina	L 111-129
1/18	vs Bridgewater College	L 76-108
1/22	at UNC Asheville	L 104-115
1/25	vs Radford	W 116-83
1/27	at Liberty	L 97-99
1/31	vs Winthrop	W 125-95
2/3	at Coastal Carolina	W 102-97
2/5	at Charleston Southern	W 103-94
2/10	vs UNC Asheville	L 117-122
2/14	at Radford	L 96-109
2/21	vs Liberty	L 99-108
2/24	at High Point	W 105-97
		W 102-88
		L 107-114
		L 108-118
		L 92-109
BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE		
2/27	at Liberty - First Round	W 79-78
3/1	vs High Point - Semifinals	W 91-81
3/3	vs Winthrop - Championships	L 81-84



Basketball



Wrestling



2006-2007 Schedule

1 Dec vs Maryland	L 9
8 Dec at Gardner-Webb	W 22
29 Dec Southern Scuffle	Day 6
30 Dec Southern Scuffle Day Two	No Place Hold
6 Jan Virginia State Championships	6 Placewin
10 Jan vs George Mason	L 22
12 Jan vs Rider/ Virginia Duals	L 6
12 Jan vs Virginia/ Virginia Duals	L 9
12 Jan vs Duquesne/ Virginia Duals	W 34
19 Jan vs UCNC Greensboro	L 13
25 Jan vs Appalachian State	W 21
28 Jan vs Davidson	W 25
3 Feb All- Academy Championships	3 c
9 Feb at James Madison	W 27
11 Feb at Chattanooga	L 0
15 Feb at Liberty	L 13
18 Feb at the Citadel	W 21
18 Feb vs North Carolina	L 13

Wrestling



Rifle



From left 3rd row: Jason Simu
James Leenhouts, Taylor Za
Elijah Huston (Capta
Edward Burton, John Krah
2nd Row: Jason Morg
Travis Travis, Eric
Davis, John Sheehan,
Korbely, Clay Mel
1st Row: Sarah Whit
Thomas Gottwald, Che
Kosecki, Maria Franche
Tristan Euritt. Missing: Jo
Nikiforakis, John Du



Rifle

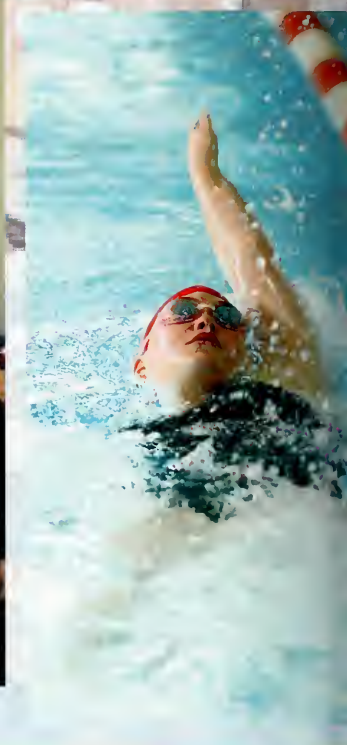


VMI Rifle Team, the sport with the most victories for the Institute, added on to their wins during the 2006-2007 season. Elijah Huston, the team captain for VMI's rifle team this year, led the team to victories across the board with wins against The Citadel, Air Force Academy, Penn State, NC State, Coast Guard Academy, MIT, Princeton, and numerous others. The first team 2006-2007 consisted of senior Elijah Huston, senior John Nikiforakis, sophomore Chelsie Kosecki, and sophomore James Leenhouts. The second team consisted of senior Taylor Zahm, senior Jason Simulcik, as well as the top two fourth classmen who were picked randomly depending on who had the highest scores before upcoming competition.

Sophomore Chelsie Kosecki was one of the biggest surprises this year, placing as one of the top five shooters in the nation and by breaking the record for VMI and the MAC conference by shooting a score of 590 out of 600. Kosecki was named on the all-american first team for the MAC championships held at the Naval Academy this year. Junior John Nikiforakis represented VMI, placing as one of the top 20 shooters in the MAC conference during the smallbore and air rifle competitions. Senior Taylor Zahm finished first nationally for all ROTC teams during the NRA Nationals this year with a score of 545. VMI Rifle placed first in their division for both competitions, as well as coming in first for all ROTC teams.



Swimming



Swimming



Baseball



Baseball

The Keydets push forward again! For the third year in a row, the team and coach Marlin Ikenberry '95 break the school record for season wins.

The baseball team had a very notable 16-4 start, again the best in school history, when Baseball America wrote "Keydets On The Warpath," noting the great starting pitchers that the team has. The article also referenced the fact that the team has the newly finished baseball stadium to play in.

The new Gray-Minor Baseball Stadium and Paulette Hall began construction following groundbreaking in September 2005 and was soon dedicated on March 27, 2007. On the night of dedication the Keydets played their first home game since 1995, since the facilities never had the capability before.

Not only are current Keydet players finding success, so too are young alumni doing well. Of the eight VMI alumni currently playing professionally, two of them graduated in the summer of 2006. Kelly Sweppenhiser plays for the Toronto Blue Jays and J.J. Hollenbeck now plays for the Washington (PA) Wild Things.



Baseball

2/10	at Florida	W 5-3
2/11	at Florida	W 7-4
2/11	Bucknell	L 0-7
2/20	at Richmond	W 10-2
2/21	Niagara	W 2-1
2/23	Niagara	L 1-8
2/24	at Virginia	W 8-4
2/27	Rider	L 3-5
3/2	Rider	W 6-4
3/3	Rider	W 9-3
3/4	Rider	W 4-1
3/6	Norfolk State	W 8-5
3/9	Maryland-Eastern Shore	W 3-1
3/10	Maryland-Eastern Shore	W 21-0
3/11	Maryland-Eastern Shore	W 9-7
3/13	at Auburn	W 7-3
3/14	at Auburn	L 8-10
3/17	at Charleston Southern	W 7-2
3/17	at Charleston Southern	W 6-4
3/18	at Charleston Southern	W 10-7
3/21	at Old Dominion	W 3-1
3/23	at Winthrop	L 2-4
3/24	at Winthrop	L 2-4
3/25	at Winthrop	L 5-9
3/27	VCU	W 5-3
3/28	at William & Mary	L 3-4
3/30	Savannah State	W 5-4
3/31	Savannah State	W 15-2
4/1	Savannah State	W 14-0
4/3	#3 Virginia	W 5-2
4/4	at Virginia Tech	L 6-13
4/6	High Point	W 6-3
4/7	High Point	W 7-6
4/7	High Point	L 3-11
4/11	at Norfolk State	Ppd.
4/13	Coppin State	W 13-0
4/13	Coppin State	W 10-0
4/14	Coppin State	W 11-0
4/18	Richmond	W 5-1
4/20	at Coastal Carolina	L 5-7
4/21	at Coastal Carolina	L 1-4
4/22	at Coastal Carolina	L 3-12
4/24	at VCU	W 3-1
4/27	UNC Asheville	W 5-4
4/28	UNC Asheville	L 4-15
4/29	UNC Asheville	W 5-3
5/9	Virginia Tech	L 0-9
5/11	at Radford	L 3-4
5/12	at Radford	W 12-9
5/13	at Radford	1:00 PM
5/15	Old Dominion	7:00 PM
5/18	Liberty	7:00 PM
5/19	Liberty	7:00 PM
5/20	Liberty	2:00 PM



Baseball



Track...



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Lacrosse



Lacrosse



CHAPTER 10

ET CETERA

The War on Terrorism, 2001-


Lieutenant Commander David Williams' Brother Rats gathered at the Institute to celebrate their 10th Reunion in October 2001. One month earlier, on 11 September, David had been killed when American Flight 77, hijacked by terrorists, destroyed the section of the Pentagon housing his office. Earlier that same deep blue, crystal-clear morning Charles Mathers, Class of 1960, died at his desk on the 99th Floor of World Trade Tower One, New York City.

Five and a half years have passed and eight more names have been added to the list of VMI alumni who have fallen in the War on Terror: Paul Syverson III, Class of 1993; Lowell Miller II, Class of 1993; John Teal, Class of 1994; Gregory Wright, Jr, Class of 1995; James Edge, Class of 1996; Ryan Doltz, Class of 2000; Joshua Hurley, Class of 2001; Luke Wullenwaber, Class of 2002. It is difficult to write more about these young men. Their loss is fresh; we still grieve. LTC Williams was correct when he wrote of the names on the Parapet Wall; they will not be forgotten.

To date over 1,000 alumni have served in the War on Terrorism beyond the U.S. borders. The number will most certainly grow. Like their predecessors in generations past, alumni are serving in every branch and in every rank. General John Jumper, Class of 1966, served as Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force from September 2001 to November 2005. Lieutenant General Robert Flowers, Class of 1966 was commanding general of the Army Corps of Engineers from 2000 until 2004 and was succeeded in that position by Lieutenant General Carl Strock, Class of 1970. Over 40 cadets have joined the "New Market" ranks as they have been called away from Barracks to active duty on the battlefield.

Over the past 165 years the nation has come to expect and rely on the strength of VMI alumni called to duty. They -- and the VMI cadets -- will continue to do what is expected of them. That is who they are. The story of the role of VMI in the War on Terrorism is incomplete; it is being written now and tomorrow.

GROUND ZERO



In April 2006 a small, bullet-shaped chunk of metal arrived at the Multi-National Security Transition Command, Baghdad, addressed to Major Mitch Fridley, Class of 1989. Packed with the metal ingot was a note from the Class of 2008: please carry this metal on a mission and send it back to us—we wish to have it melted into our class ring. Major Fridley carried the metal on a mission in which he stated there was no contact with the insurgents. "The best missions are those that go off without contact," he wrote when he returned the metal ingot to the class. The Class of 2008 made a physical and symbolic commitment to the heritage of the Citizen-Soldier through their VMI ring.

When the deep blue, crystal-clear morning of 11 September turned ashen grey over Manhattan, a young VMI alumnus responded to the moment. Jim Spellman, Class of 1985, entered the chaos of what had been the World Trade Towers. Over the next several days he and hundreds of rescuers worked to find survivors. Stopping to rest, Jim removed his white hardhat and pulled out a Sharpie pen. Summoning strength from his VMI experience, he drew a crude VMI logo onto the hat. Then he penned the words repeated whenever VMI alumni find themselves called upon to do the impossible:

"Never Say Die."

WAR ON TERROR

In Memory:
Alfred L. Miller '53
"Uncle Al"
1931 - 2006



Mentor, Friend, Teacher



ANDREW BAITY

**Dream it,
Believe it,
Achieve it!
OoRah Class of
2010**

Love,
Dad, Mom & Nicholas



**Austin Hunt
Class of 2010!**

From our BRAT to a VMI
RAT, to a Fourth Class
Cadet!

We are SO PROUD of you!

Love, Dad & Mom



FROM RAT- CLASS OF 2007+ 3
TO CADET- CLASS OF 2010
WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!!

CONGRATULATIONS
CADET DANIEL PARKER

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, MICHELLE, GRANDMA AND
GRANDPA



To:
Eric
Brigham
You've put
your
John Hancock
on your
future -
- continued
good luck
at V.M.I.

From your Loving Family

**Cadet Ericsson Davis
Class of 2010**



Congratulations on breaking out and joining
the corps!

Love,
Mom



Ryan,
Congratulations on
finishing your first year
at VMI! We're very
proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and
Daniel



Congratulations to Andrew
Williams and the rest of Ryan's
"Uncle" dykes on their
graduation. Thanks for all the
support you gave him this year.
Best wishes in the future.
The Creans



Way to go Room 421!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Consider it pure joy, my
brothers, whenever you face
trials of many kinds, because
you know that the testing of
your Faith develops
perseverance."-

James 1:2-3

**I AM VERY PROUD OF
YOU!**



Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken

Congratulations

Cadet Andrew Miller	Class of 2010
Cadet Marcin Zola	Class of 2007

GREG FIASCONARO

Congratulations to you on Breakout and all of the Delta Mad Dogs!



From the time you
and the Virginia
12th reenacted
the Battle of New
Market your dream
was to be a VMI
cadet, who said
dreams don't come
true!!!



With LOVE and PRIDE,
Mom, Dad, Alex, Danny, Allie, and Lia

CONGRATULATIONS

SARAH A. LENDABARKER



THROUGH THE RAT
LINE AND BREAK-
OUT YOU'VE SHOWN
YOUR TRUE HEART.
MAY THIS BEAUTIFUL
BEGINNING CARRY
AND DIRECT YOU
TO YOUR FULFILLED
DREAMS.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND ERIN

Congratulations to Matthew Winks &
Marshall Cox Class of 2010



We're so proud of you!
"Two are better than one,
because they have a good
reward for their labor. For if
they fall, one will lift up his
companion."

Eccl. 4:9-10a

Much Love,

Dad, Mom and
Lindsay

Dad, Mom, Nicole
Jonathan, Isaac and Olivia

Congratulations Cadet
John Michael Krahling

We are so proud
and so very blessed
to have you as our
son!

Love,

Mom and Dad

Proverbs 30:5



Matthew Allen
Congratulations !!

We are proud of you. You
have shown you can be
whatever you resolve to be.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Congrats
To #1 Grandson
Randy Life
Love,
Granny and Pops



Randall C. Life 2008

Spider Man, look at your
web of accomplishments!

Break Out
Ring Figure
Ac Stars
New Zealand
VMI Rugby



Nothing
Worthwhile
Comes
Easy!
We're proud
of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad
& Grandma

Jessica Erin Schulze



Congratulations! Breakout '07
You make us all very proud!
Everyone back home

Cadet Ryan H. Mingus

Even though I refused to be your date
you will always be the Love of my life
Congratulations - Ring figure 2008

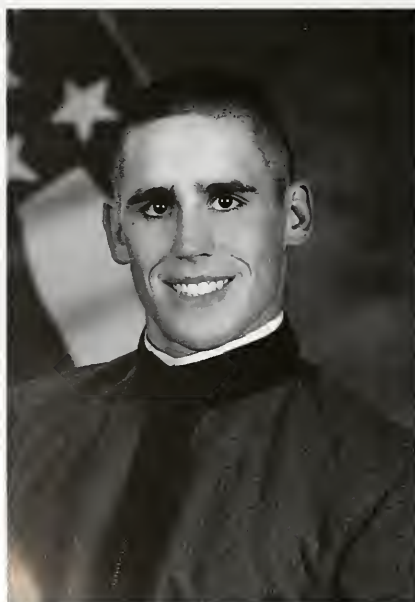


Remember, I will always be the wind
beneath your wings.
Love,
Mommy



**B
Y
R
O
N**

**EXCELLENT 1ST YEAR!
YOU ARE OUR HERO.**



**LOVE,
ALL
YOUR
FAMILY**

CADET DAVID MILLIGRAM



admire the courage and strength you
have always shown me.
Congratulations on becoming
a VMI Cadet.
Love Always,
Mom

John Maurice

Congratulations!

Your first year at VMI is complete.
We knew you could do it and we're very
proud of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom & Hannah



CHRISTOPHER DUTY CLASS OF 2010 CONGRATULATIONS

With your brothers and brother
rats by your side you can
achieve anything. We are so
very proud of you for pulling
your weight to break out of the
ratline.

Love always,

Your Family

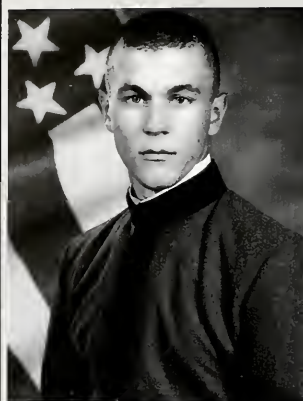


BRETT A. LEONARD
2010

Congratulations! You
survived the Rat Line.

We are so proud of
you and all that you
have accomplished.

WE LOVE YOU!
MOM, DAD, DREW & BROOKE



CONGRATULATIO
NICK LIZOTTE
ON
BREAKOUT 2007

WE'RE ALL VER
PROUD OF YOU
LOVE,
MOM, DAD & JAN



Eddie Preisser

Congratulations on
surviving the Rat Line

Keep up the Great Effort!

May God Bless You
Throughout All The
Challenges You May Face

With All Our Love,
Always,
Mom, Dad, & Matthew

Will Quarles

A rat to begin
is a miserable sin.
A dyke at the end
will be elation
within.
Class of 2010!

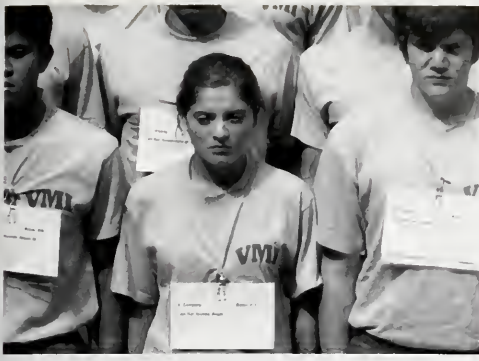
Love, Mom, Dad,
Amy & Cindy



DENNIS E. HARBIN, III

Congratulations on earning your ring
Love Mom, Dad, and Chris





Congratulations Angie Gomez!



"Pain is temporary, Pride is forever"

You have the fighting spirit to reach goals and become whatever you set out to be. We support you and feel very proud of you and your accomplishments.

From Papi, Mom, Carito, Grandma and Goldie

Class of 2010

Robert Lamas



Congratulations on completing your first year at VMI. You have overcome many challenges, you have persevered.

We are very proud of all you have done.

The road you have chosen is difficult, but leads to a bright future. We look forward to all that you will achieve in the next three years at VMI, and to a bright future beyond.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Andrea, Rebeca, & Elisabeth

Bobby

You have waited to slip that ring on your finger for such a long time. Congratulations to you, Brett and John, we are very proud of all of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Amanda



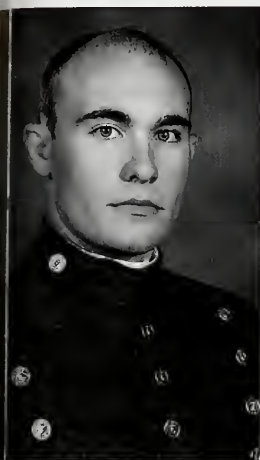
Congratulations
Randy Phillips
Breakout 2000



Cadet Phillips, those Rat days are over! Way to go, class of 2010!
Love,

Mom, Dad & George

Michael-



Your hard work has
paid off - You have
your Ring!
You make us very
proud,
Your motto:
**VISION
PASSION
&
ACTION**

All Our Love- Mom and Dad



**CHRIS,
WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU
AS A FOURTH
CLASSMAN IN
THE CORPS. WE
LOVE YOU.**

**Daddy, Momma, John
(Isaac is watching and smiling.)**



Shawn Fox-
We are so very proud of
you.
Love you so much,
Mom, Dad, & Kara

Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)
"I know what I'm doing. I
have it all planned out -
plans to take care of you, not
abandon you, plans to give
you the future you hope for."

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL CHILDREY Class of 2008



Your
Persistence
and hard work
make your
family and
friends so very
proud. Thank
God for the
blessings He
has bestowed.

Love & Best
Wishes,
Dad, Mom,
Julia,
Grandpa &
Grandma

**PRESTON LANDT
Delta Co. Class 2010**

**Congratulations on the completion
of your first VML year.**

**In everything you do, always remember the God who
loves you and know that we love you too.**

We're so proud of you!

Love, Your Family

Joseph Simmers

**Congratulations on completing
your first year at VML.
We knew you could do it.**

Love, Mom, Dad, and Maria

Congratulations -
Christopher Zarycki
on completing your
first year at VMI.
We are so proud of you!

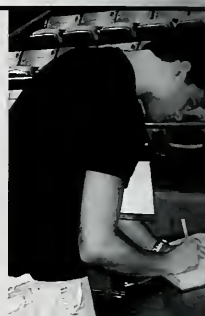
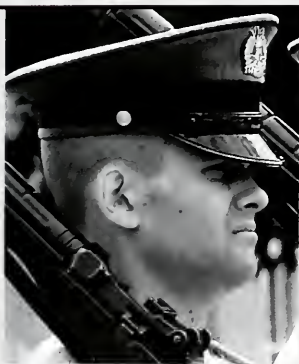
Mom, Dad and Alexis



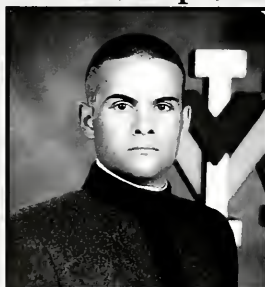
Congratulations,
Garland on your first
successful year at VMI.
We are all proud of you.



Special
thanks
also goes
to Big. E
(VMI '46)



Congratulations Carl Knapp
We are all so proud of your accomplishment.
You are now an official member of the Class of 2010!
Love, Mom, John, Moo, Papa, Cole and Kelsey





Wade Thomas Kammel

Congratulations on completing your
"Rat Year" and becoming a
VMI Cadet - Class of 2010

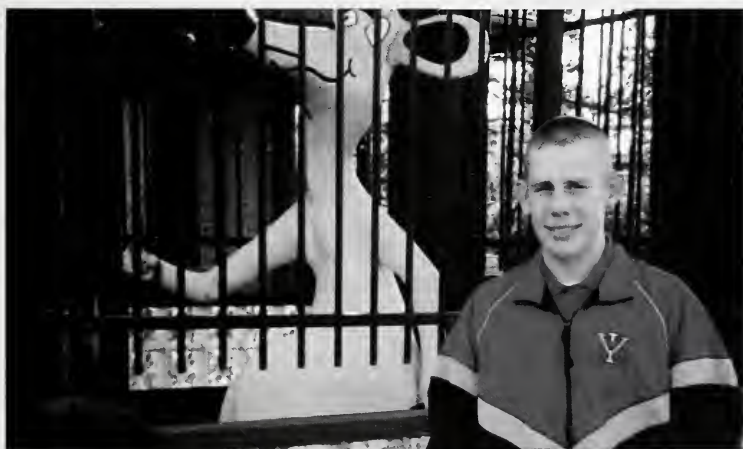
"Your perseverance has shown that it is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to you (and to your BR's) who are actually in the arena. Your face has been marred by dust and sweat and blood. You strove valiantly, erred and came up short again and again, (because you understood that there is no effort without error and shortcoming) you knew great joys, great devotions, and spent yourself in a worthy cause.

From now on you will know the triumph of high achievement, and if you face failure again (and that is certain) you will at least fail while daring greatly, so that your place will never be among those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." (T. Roosevelt)

We love you! Dad, Mom, Kaitlyn, Josh, Olivia, Will, Caleb, Christian and Reashana

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for who have been trained by it. Heb. 11:12

FROM RATMAN 2007+3 To FOURTH CLASSMAN, CLASS 2010



CADET MATTHEW M. MURPHY, "BB" BRAVO CO.

JOB WELL DONE BUD!

LOVE & PRIDE FROM MOM & DAD AND THE RATPACK.



Jacob A. Robertson
Class of 2010

Congratulations on
completing your first
year at VMI. We are so
proud of you and your
accomplishments.

We Love you,
Mom & Dad

BEATRICE

YOUR PATH, FEW CONSIDER, AND
EVEN FEWER TAKE. KEEP REACH-
ING HIGHER, YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKE
AND THE DRIVE TO SUCCEED IS WITH
CONGRATULATIONS, ON THIS VMI
MILESTONE. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM, DAD, AND BERNARD

Cadet Laird Bryant

From former prestrain, to rat,
to 4th Class Cadet we congratulate
you on your determination to make
VMI your home. For 2 years you kept
the course and did not give up. For this
perseverance we are proud of you.

Romans 8:28

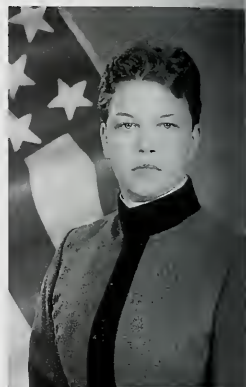
We Love you,
Dad, Mom & Audra



Jessica A. Daniel

You are talented and true
You have what it takes
You succeeded...and
We Love you and are so
very proud!!!

Mom, Dad, & TJ



Cadet Ian Michael Casher

First Grader



Proud

Congratulations!!

Love Always,
Dad, Mom,
and Elyse

First Classman



Proudest

**CONGRATULATIONS ~ JEFFERY R. FUSICK
GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS & A CE DEGREE TOO!**



A Soldier



A Big Ring



A Wife



A Ski Team



**Congratulations to
James Hartzell
and the Class of
2010 on
Breakout!
Love,
Mom and Dad**

RIED STELLY

**Congratulations on
surviving your
first year.
We are very proud
of you.**

**With love and admiration,
Dad, Mom, and Watson**



**'Old Rat, take a look at your life;
proud of you are we...'**



Stephen R. Cauley

**"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only
through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be
strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."**

- Helen Keller

You've got the RIGHT STUFF!

Love, Dad, Mom, Allison, Forrest & the Grandparents

Well Done, Cadet Kosh



**You have your family's love and
very best wishes for your con
tinued and future success.**

We are very proud of you!

Love,

Dad & Mom, Nicole & Tamara



MATT WILLIAMS



Two roads diverged in
a wood, and I—I took
the one less traveled by.
And that has made all the
difference.

Robert Frost

**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR GRADUATION
AND
COMMISSIONING!**

It's a whole lot more
satisfying to reach for
the stars, even if you
end up landing only on
the moon.

Kermit the Frog



*WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU!*

LOVE, MOM &
DAD

Jeremiah 29: 11-13



Life is either a daring
adventure or nothing.
Helen Keller

*Duty is the sublimest word in
our language. Do your duty in
all things. You cannot do more.
You should never do less.*

Robert E. Lee



Anya Kovarik, VMI Class of 2007
 "...make every effort to add to your faith
 goodness; and to goodness knowledge;
 and to knowledge, self-control; and to
 self-control, perseverance; and to perse-
 verance, godliness; and to godliness,
 brotherly kindness; and to brotherly
 kindness, love. For if you possess these
 qualities in increasing measure, they
 will keep you from being ineffective and
 unproductive..." 2 Peter 1: 5-8



Congratulations, Anya!

Well done! Love; Mom, Dad, Josh, Sonja, Chris, Zac, Katie



Gerard E. Payne, Jr. '08



We are so proud of you and admire the man you have grown to be.
 Congratulations on being inducted into the Brotherhood of the Ring.

Wear it with Pride.

Love Mom, Dad & Kamala



AARON C. KERKHOF

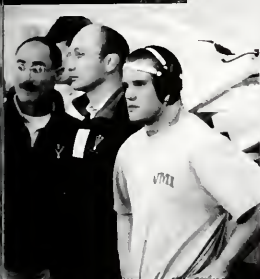
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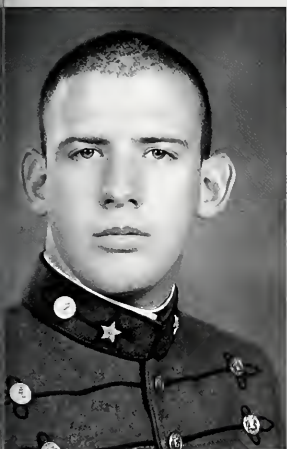
Congratulations to Cadet Joshua L. Thompson and the Class of 2007



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Mom & Dad

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Raeon Pulliam Class of 2007

You are our sunshine. We are
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and
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AIM HIGH

Love, Mom, Dad, Just
Adam



Remember this day?
The rat days!
You made it.
You earned your ring.
Hang tough!
We are behind you,
love you,
and very much admire
your courage!

Love, Mom and Dad

We know the sense
of honor and duty
you have earned
will guide you well
through your future
adventures.

Dad, Bambi, Drew,
Karissa, Karly, Kayla,
Riley, Macy, Tabby,
Gus & Marmalade



Kerin J. Vik

Dare To Dream
Choose a wish, find a dream,
Pick a wishing star,
Let your hopes and spirits soar,
High and free and far.
Reach for the unreachable,
Stretch to touch the sky,
Know no dream you treasure
Is too far away or high.
Believe in the impossible.
Then work and try and do...
For only those who dare to dream
Can make a dream come true!

We are proud of your Dream
The Vik Family



Congratulation

Matthew S. Davis

VMI Cadet, Delta C
to
2nd Lieutenant, US A

We are so very proud
you and your
accomplishments

GOD Bless You
Mom, Dad, Tommy,
Leah



Congratulations

Michael J. Clements, Jr.
Ring Figure 2006

We are so proud of you for
overcoming the challenges
you've faced

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jessica



JAMES SANDMAN

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

RAT - AUG 2003
BREAKOUT - JAN 2004
RING FIGURE - NOV 2005
GRADUATION - MAY 2007

LOVE,
MOM, BILL, AND BRAD



J. Michael Schroeder

*Congratulations on completing your
second year at VMI.*

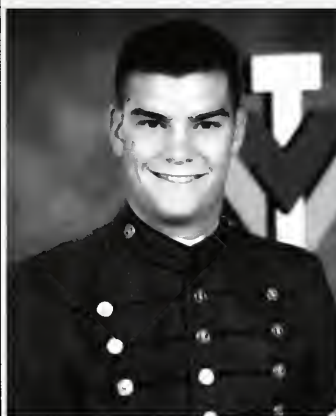
You are a man of character, excellence, and
compassion. You do honor to your country,
your comrades, and to us. And in so doing,
you honor God.

With great love and pride, Mom & Dad

Cadet Nicholas A. Engle
Class of 2007

Congratulations!!
From rat to lieutenant
Now to the Air Force
I am so proud of you.

Love Mom



Congratulations
On your
graduation from
VMI.

"Off you go into the Wild
Blue Yonder!" Go Air
Force!!!

We love you
Mom, Dad, Sarah & Jake

Congratulations to My Son
For the many things that he has done
Congratulations Ensign Colin Wu
Your dream becomes a reality
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Go SEAL!



With Love from All

Congratulations
Neil "Adam" Stewart
Class of 2009

You are half way there !
We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Charles E. Barnes of Newton Square, PA

You did it. 4 Years
of Lax, and VMI!

We are so proud of
you!

Love Mom,
Dad, Ben, Kellie,
Grandma and
Poppy



BRYAN P. NELSON

CLASS OF 2007

CONGRATULATIONS

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU
AND WHAT YOU HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED

LOVE MOM AND JULIE

Congratulations

to

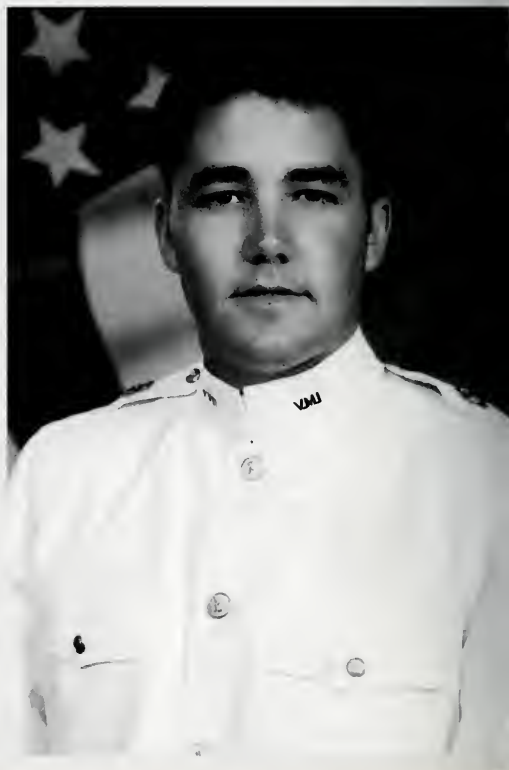
Katbleen Brett Resetar

Another winning performance!

*Love, Mom & Dad, Elizabeth, Laura, &
Michael*



Ryan Andrew McLean



"...If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
to serve your turn long after they are gone, and so
hold on when there is nothing in you except the will
which says to them: "hold on"...Yours is the earth
and everything that's in it and -which is more- you'll
be a man, my son..."

-Rudyard Kipling

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, David, & Kate



BRANDON,
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR BR'S FOR
ACCOMPLISHING WHAT SO FEW ARE WILLING TO
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Congratulations Brian McGuire on an outstanding job.



Love
Mom, Dad, Kyle,
Kara and Jack





We are proud of your accomplishments.
 Thanks to your professors for their great support!
 Congratulations Graham and Good Luck at MCV!
 Anne-Claire, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Daniel!

As always, you have persevered
 with integrity and determination.



Dan. ...nnett

We are proud of you

Lots of love,
 Dad & Mom
 and all your family



Congratulations Erin



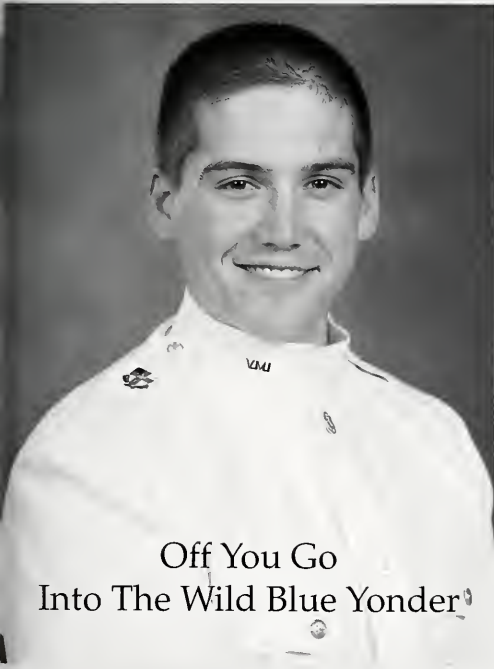
"Today is your day.
You're off to Great
Places!
You're off and away!"

We are proud of you!!!



Love,
Mom, Dad and Dale

Taylor J. Zahm



Off You Go
Into The Wild Blue Yonder

*The lessons you've learned
The respect that you've earned
Your kindness so warm and sincere
Your humor and heart
They've all played a part
In making you stronger each year*

*The way that you care
All the love that you share
Your faith and your courage combined
Make it easy to see
Why I'm proud as can be
Of my son who is one of a kind!*

Love,
Mom, Mr. C. and The Remarkable Blended Family

Congratulations, Chris Fields and the Class of 2007!



What a journey it's been. You should be proud!

With much love and admiration,

Mom, Jen

Dad, Mandy, and Robby





CONGRATULATIONS!
2nd Lt. Dan Brock, USMC

We're proud of all your
accomplishments - and the man
you've become.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Billy

Semper Fi !



Elise,
Thank you for
being such a
wonderful mentor
and an even
better friend.

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Evan Scott Berenholtz
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Keep up the hard work!

Love, Mom & Dad

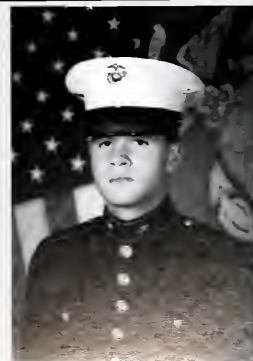
AUSTIN Z. CRONAN

CONGRATULATIONS YOU
MADE IT!

WE COULDN'T BE MORE
PROUD OF YOU.

NOW ON TO GREATER
CHALLENGES IN THE
MARINES.

LOVE MOM & DAD





My Baby Boy "Justin"

From High School football, making All Team Peninsula, hunting, drooling, sleeping when you should have been looking for deer. Away you went to VMI, taking that first step into manhood, military and law enforcement. Remember the sky is not the limit, the unknown is what the future holds for you.

From rat tails to rat line to young man, we are very proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad, Roxy, Flash





Drew Wade
CLASS OF 2007



rew,

Since you started this journey we were always with you. We love you and are very proud of your achievements. During the years many obstacles have come your way, and your faith has carried you on. Your family has watched you become a very fine gentleman and will continue to watch you as you set the bar higher. God bless you, forever.

We love you always. Congratulations!
Tom, Dad, and Nicole



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Dave Radke
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Ahmed Safy El-Din
Laszlo Sebo
Jamaal Walton
Ryan Young

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!!! NOW GO GET 'EM!!!

THE MATTHEWS FAMILY

Nick,
We are incredibly proud
Of your accomplishments at VMI throughout the past 4 years
Graduating as
Alpha Company Commander
And
Commissioning in the U.S. Army as an Aviator
You have paved your road to success!

With all our love
Mom, Dad, Roxanne and Elizabeth





SALVATORE SFERRAZZA JR
U.S. Air Force 2nd Lieutenant
Commissioned May 15, 2007



Sal, you've accomplished your next step in life, nothing can stop you. You worked hard to reach your destination; it's time to take a bow.

Congratulations! Your future looks strong and bright. We are confident that you will continue to achieve the things you hoped for. What an awesome achievement for you, which fills us with love and pride. We always knew that you could do whatever you set your goals for.

It's a long and challenging journey getting through college, but you wouldn't quit, you just moved on and achieved it.

Your triumph is awesome, Salvatore. In life you will always be a student, keep on learning, though your graduation is complete; your whole life's an education, which has only just begun.

As you travel on the golden road to good fortune, peace and happiness, coupled with knowledge, power and diversity you will continue to achieve success.

We love you so, and we want you to know, we think you're the very best!

With all our love, God bless you and keep you safe always.

Mom, Pop, Charles, Kimmarrise, new baby, Sabrina, Mark, Teresa, Gabrielle, Martina and Max

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

- Harry S Truman

"Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he has encountered and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."

- Charles Lindbergh

RAT YEAR
2003/2004

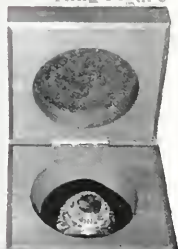


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2004/2005



2005/2006
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Ring Figure



Salvatore Sferrazza Jr
Class of 2007
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Regimental Sergeant Major

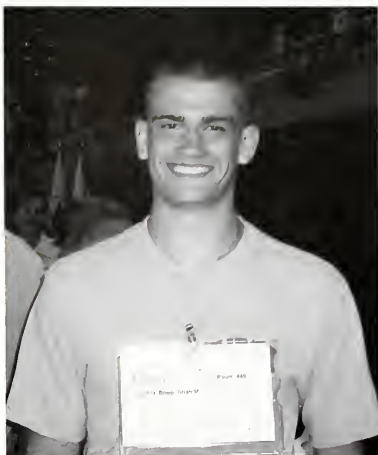


Cadet Katherine C. Bopp
Class of 2008
Ring Figure Committee Chair

**Congratulations
Katie!**

Stay focused
and never give up!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Brian '10, Kristen and
Michael '10 + 10





CONGRATULATIONS CADET BRIAN BOPP!

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Katie '08, Kristen
and Michael '10 + 10



BREAKOUT
Class of 2010
20 January 2007



CADET RYAN HOPPING '07

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ryan we have watched you grow a part of your journey over the last four years. We are proud of where you have been and who you have become. We are honored to call you our son, brother, uncle and friend.

Congratulations!

We love you

Mom, Dad, Katie, Chris, Meghan and Calder



Thomas J. Pepka III



Congratulations on a job well done!!

We are very proud of you
Fly High

God Bless you

Love, Mom, Dad, Cait & Dan

Congratulations Dave!

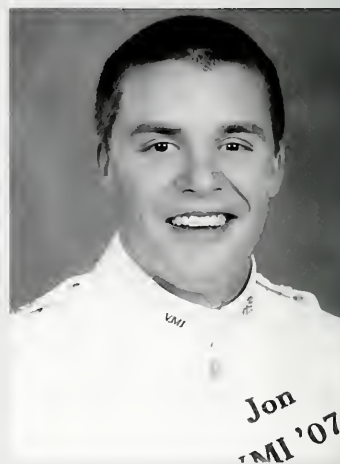


We love you and are so
very proud of you!

Love Always

Mom, Dad, Alyssa, James & Brad

Congratulations Jonathan P. Pool Class of 2007



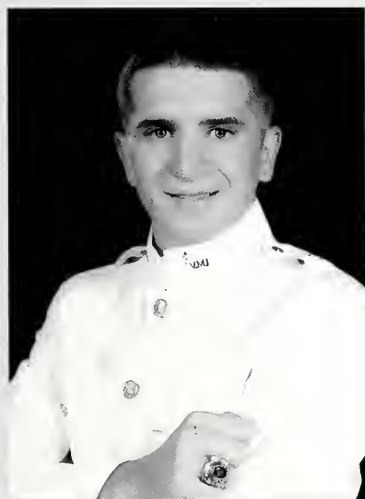
**WITH LOVE AND PRIDE
FOUR GENERATIONS STRONG,
DAD, MOM, AND ALL
WHO LOVE YOU!**

You Plowed Through Matthew Stephan Hopchak



Sure and strong, you persevered through tough, rocky times.
And the 'seeds' of your VMI experience will grow forever.

We are proud of you son. As you graduate, and serve your country in the Army,
know that your place on the farm waits; and so do we.
Love you baby, Mom & Dad, Nick, Mike, Jac, Dan and Lindsay.

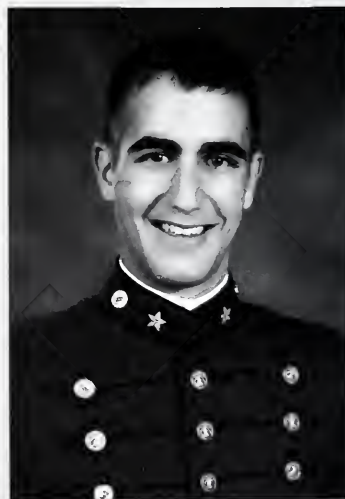


Matthew Jade Schreibfeder
Class of 2007

ll of our pride, love, respect and admiration
T.S.O.M.B.A.!

Love, Mom, Dad and Phillip

Joshua C. Kenny
Corporal, Band Co., Class of 2009



You have accomplished so much in two years.
Your dedication, strength and commitment will
lead to the fulfillment of your dreams and goals.

Love,
Mom and Dad

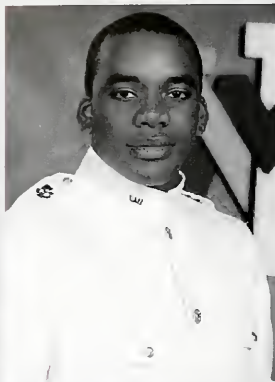


Keashawn, CONGRATULATIONS!!

We're truly proud of you, As the middle child you were always the quiet one. You never asked for much and always did your best. It's no surprise that you accomplished your goals.



Congratulations
Mom & Dad
Sister, Kiara and
Brother, Tim



VMI Class of '07 & '10 Guess who?????



Congratulations Elise Gibson Jones

*on achieving one of
your life's
milestones.*

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!

We will always be there to support you.
Dad ('72), Mom, Abbey and the G's.
Special thanks to Frank and Cathy
LaDonne and Dave Kaufman.



It's amazing
what a
little water
will do!



Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are so very proud of you!

Love,

Dad, Mom and Anthony



Matthew Treadwell '07

Biology

Applause and Cheers,
Matt!

You've worked
diligently and gone
the extra mile to
accomplish your
goals.

Congratulations on
your
graduation from VMI
and your
commission in the Air
Force! We are so very,
very proud of you.



Much Love,

Dad and Mom, Charlaine and Mike, Mark and Tavia, and Lisa



**Congratulations to the Class of 2007
and the US Air Force's brightest new
Second Lieutenants:**

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Dear Kao,

Congratulations on your achievements at VMI!!!
We are so proud of you. Go Marines !!!

With love and pride,
Mom and P'toon



Matthew Edward Upchurch

VMI Class of 2007



Congratulations on your graduation
and Air Force commission!
We are so very proud of you!

Let your faith give you courage and
your determination give you strength
to make a difference in this life.
Live the dreams God has placed in
your heart!

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our love is always with you,
Mom, Dad and Justin



Andrew W. Holt

Class of 2007



Congratulations on graduation and commissioning in the U.S. Army. We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Dan & Rachel



Jack,
 Congratulations! You succeeded in the classroom and
 in basketball because of hard work and your refusal
 to give up! We are very proud of what you're accom-
 plished and know your future is even brighter.

Love,
 Your Family
 The Castleberrys

be the
 Change
 your wish
 to see in the
 world...

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We believe in you
 always have and always will!

Congratulations '07
 All our love,
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 May God continue to guide your path.
 Love, The Prughs



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Congratulations! Erik, Another Year Stronger



Love
Mom, Dad, Sarah & Heidi

Congratulations
Brian Paul Renaghan
Class of 2007

You chose the path,
You have worked hard,
Live the life you have dreamed of.
We are so very proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Sean



Robert,

You have always set goals. From playing army as a child, graduating from VMI and joining the army. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Take what you learned at VMI and you will continue to succeed in life.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations Jess !!!



This is the year you received your ring...
A part of the "Brotherhood" it symbolically means...



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"Was it all worth it" you no longer must wonder...



Proudly you wear it, it represents so much...
Challenges overcome and lives you have touched...

Congratulations on achieving this daunting feat...
Your Mom, Dad, and sister think you're pretty neat





You've gone from the
bottom to the
top and met countless
challenges along the way.
You never looked back,
but always forward.
You never cease to
amaze us.

We're proud of ALL
your accomplishments.
The best is yet to come!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tiff and Matt
Congratulations to the
Class of 2007
May all of your dreams come
true.

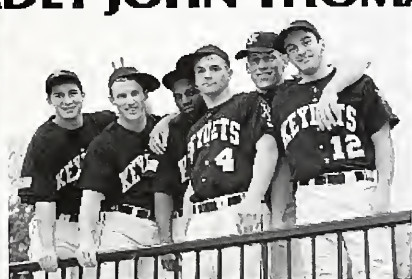


CONGRATULATIONS!!

GOODE JOB JOHN AND THE CLASS OF 2007



CADET JOHN THOMAS GOODE, JR.



We're Very Proud of You! You Never Quit!

Love: Mom, Dad, Mike, Matt, Jessica, Kailyn and Tyson

Jonathan Edmund Ball Pinkerton

Jeb, you are a child of God!

FROM THE MIRACLE OF YOUR BIRTH

AND SURVIVAL -

through

Your childhood that brought us all such joy!

YOU MAY BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE

STONEWALL JACKSON

Your school years that taught us true *humility*
because of your outstanding successes in so many endeavors-



TO

Your *prayerful* decision to join the "brotherhood"
for the challenge to graduate from the "toughest"
undergraduate college in these United States! -

while pursuing outside interests including *football* and *Marines* -

Making the beginning and your travel
through "The Institute" more difficult -

-and NOW, we celebrate your
GRADUATION
2007 !!!

We thank you, Jeb, for bringing us closer to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray for Peace and happiness in your future as you follow the Lord's path
for you, using the talents He has entrusted to you, and VMI has honed.

We will always love you. *Go with God, Mom + Dad*
Congratulations!



Congratulations
Edward Mills
& the entire Class of 2007
BR's now and forever





CONGRATULATIONS
Rhett!
Class of 2007
In the bonds of Alpha



David Patterson

From Second Corporal to Master
Sergeant, and now Delta XO!
Congratulations! Good luck to
Room 237!

Lots of love and endless pride,
Mom, Dad & Aaron

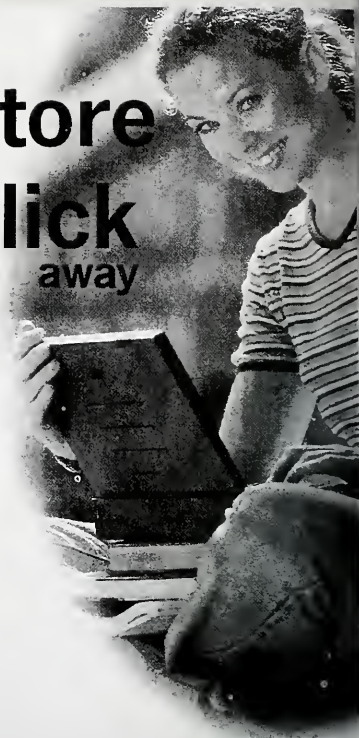
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Daniel J. Czupryna '07

CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation from
VMI!

I will not last forever.
But I am damn well
going to know I have
been here,
-George Sheeham

With Love and great
Pride,
Mom, Dad, and Chris



Nathan Warner

CONGRATULATIONS!

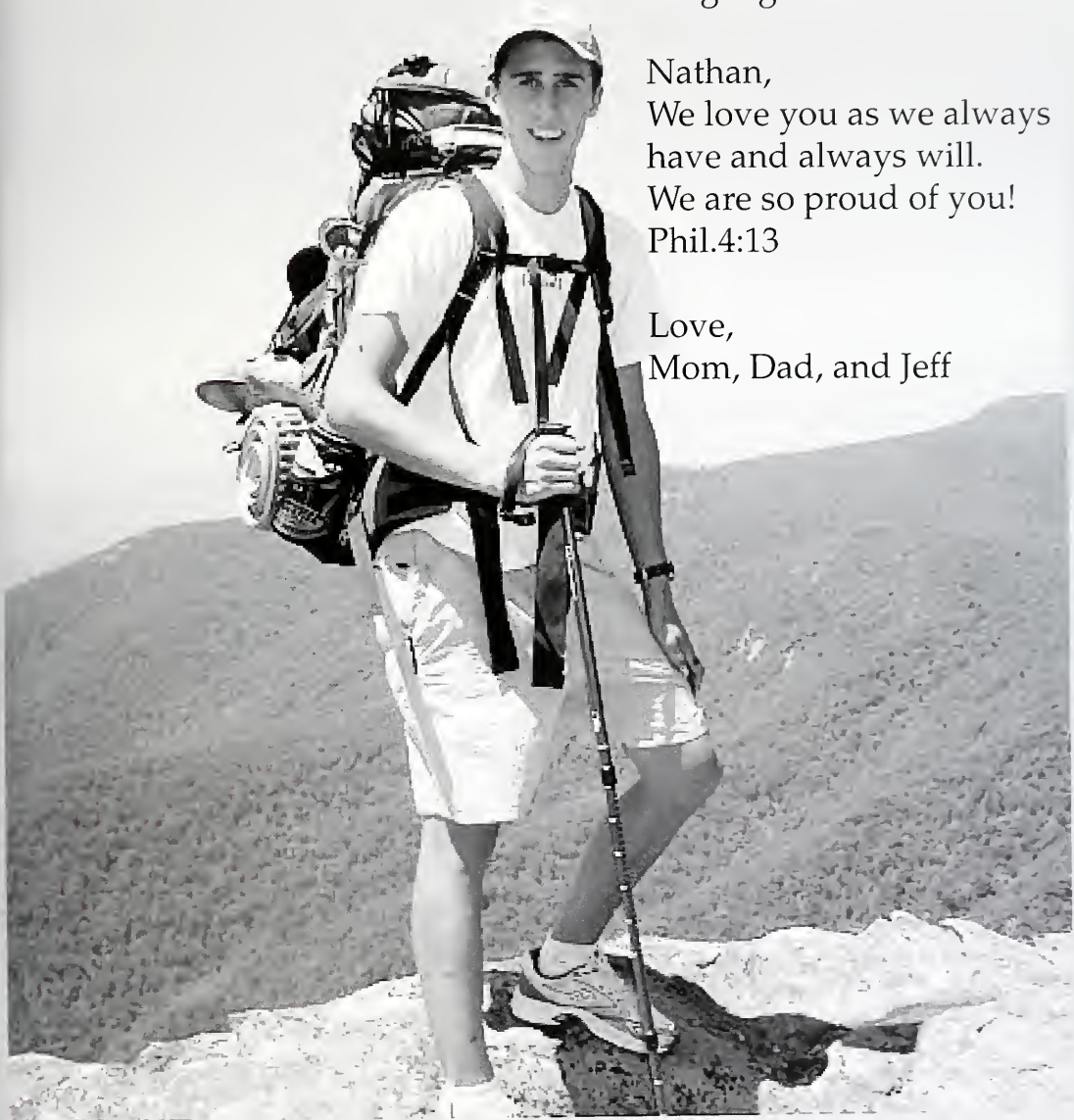
You are on your way!

Breakout 2006!

Ring Figure 2007!

Nathan,
We love you as we always
have and always will.
We are so proud of you!
Phil.4:13

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jeff





Congratulations to all of you!
We wish you all well
The Barbershop





Cadet Michael D. Canning '07

May you strive to achieve all your goals in life.

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!!!

Our love,
Mom, Dad, and Jennifer

Congratulations to the
Class of 2007



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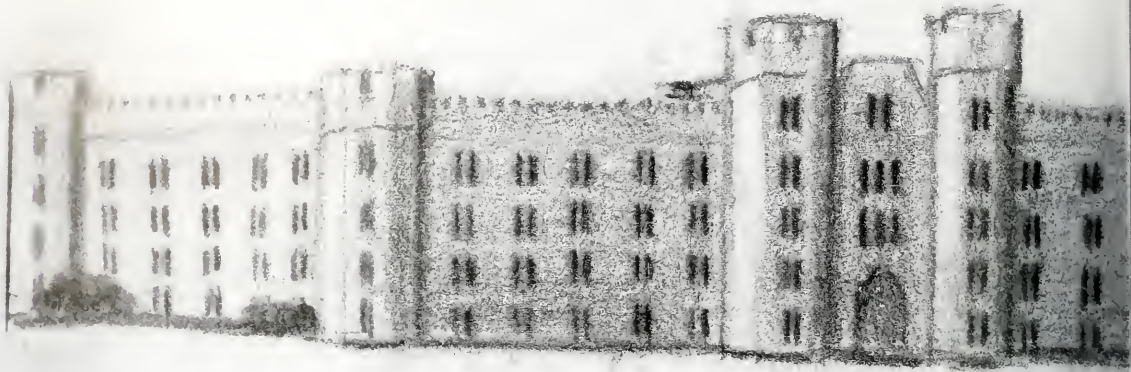
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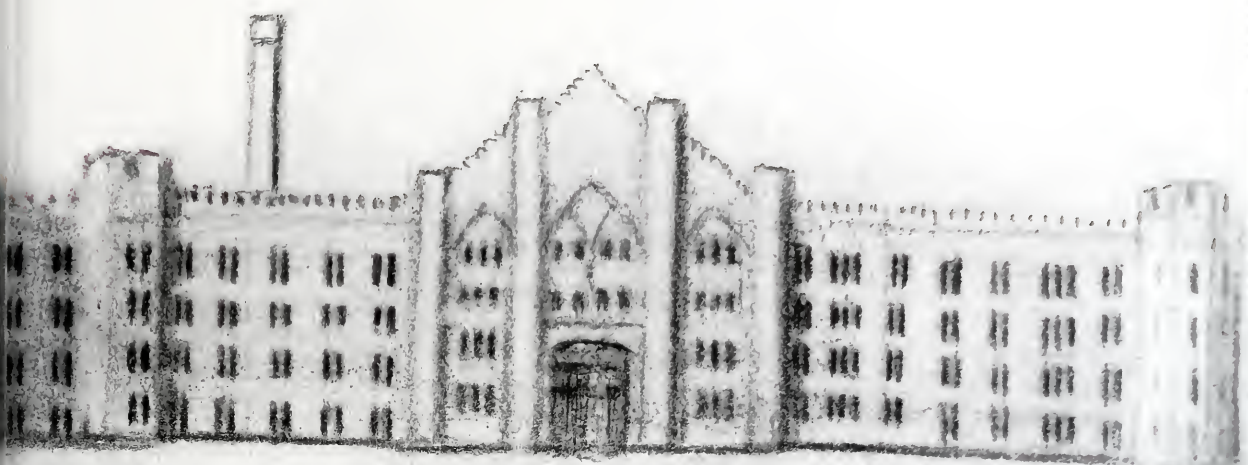
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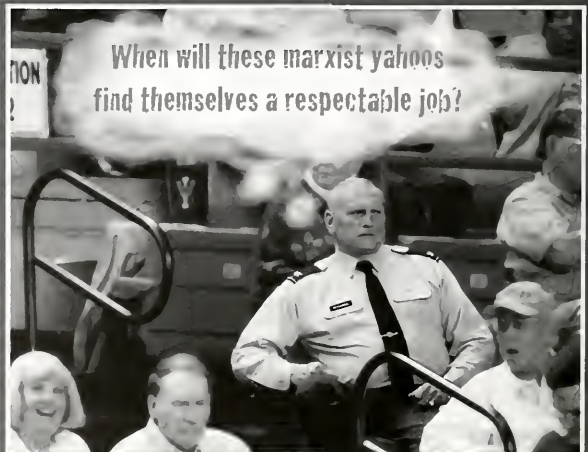
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THE FORMER COMMANDANT OF CADETS SPECIFICALLY SAID TO NOT HAVE PICTURES OF NUDITY OR OF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IN THIS *BOMB*.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE THAT FLAG, TAKE A LOOK AT HIS CLASS RING.
AND WE WERE GOING TO LEAVE SUGGESTED NUDITY OUT, BUT WE WERE PARTICULARLY INSPIRED BY PAGE 131 OF *THE 1977 BOMB*



Most Likely to Bone his BRs:
Colin Wu

Most Likely to be Found
Drunk in Barracks



Laura Hash

Most Likley Hater Turned Dater



Nick Tommaso

Most likely to
looking like a ransom note:
Jamaal Walton

Most Likely to be Drummed Out



First to get Married



Vanessa Berrios...Butwell

Most Likely to Regret
Getting a VMI Tatoo



Travis Carter

Most likely to "do as I do, not as I say"



First Class Privates

Most Likely to be Commandant
"Five One and Five"
Luke Gordon

Smelliest:
Jay Tomsyk

Most Likely to Run for President
John Terminato

Most Likely to be President
Not...John Terminato

Most Humble
Shu-Chang Liu

Best Haircut

"Rat Larry"
Richardson



Most Likley to be Seen with a
Husband at the 5 Year Reunion



Jon Schmidt

1ST CLASS SUPERLATIVES

Guy doesn't take too kindly to homophobic remarks about the color of his underwear. On 16 Nov 06, a questionable SOG made such a comment about what Guy was wearing. He accordingly punished the SOG in the Jase. The SOG vowed to have him thrown out of school. Chris instead received a number 1.



Shout after breakout Gordon and a bunch of our brother rats were drinking in a room when MAJ Dowling killed the buzz. The helpful person he is, Luke attempted to save his buddy who already had an A1 by trying to take the punishment for alcohol possession.



Barracks can't burn down; at least the Commandant didn't think so when Grey soaked a cut up t-shirt in cutex, tied it to the rails, and set it ablaze!



This trio (Canning, Limauro, and Kania) believe they've been snitched on. While watching a movie in the room with a few beers MAJ Fridler (aka Supertac) busted down the door, immediately asked where the beer was, and boned them all saying "This hurts 'cause at this point y'all [1st Classmen] are pretty much my friends."

Strike 2: Canning also received a # participating in a show of rat unity when we tried to march to Jackson's grave. When Mike asked Levenson why he isn't going to bone the entire rat mass Levenson replied "...because I only have to bone you."



LEVENSON'S OWN THE #1 CLUB



Trying to finish off a handle of Sir Francis Drake, Mills and Catlett were listening to music a bit too loud, causing MAJ Bissell to find the root of the problem. Partin happened to be walking by with his own drink. After being questioned as to whether or not Partin had been drinking he said "this rat would rather not say." Being as that he was a third at the time, he received an A1 as well.



Priest earned himself not only a #1 but also a special PT detail, every day from the date he got boned until graduation of that year. This unique penalty was a result of "Conduct Unbecoming" on the streets of New Orleans during the Band's Mardi Gras trip. It's been rumored that Brant ended up on "Cops" for flashing an undercover police officer who was posing as a partygoer on one of the balconies overlooking Bourbon street. Brant was offered beads for what turned out to be an illegal gesture.



Huggins wanted to make sure his rats weren't wasting thousands of dollars on a military school environment, so he thought it would be cost effective to give them extra time to work out... in the back of his room. Apparently, the school was insulted by Wayne's implication that they weren't doing their job.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Of the Publication: I certainly hope you have enjoyed every page of this book. I truly think, as any hard working editor has and will ever think, that this is one of the best that you'll ever come across. We've certainly have made it harder for future editors to keep up the pace, but I assure you, Molly and her staff will make next year's publication equally as great.

Like it was stated, this book was to commemorate the duties of the citizen-soldier, and I am truly grateful for *The 1949 Bomb*, the source of this idea. I attempted to make this Bomb look like no other that we've seen in quite some time, drawing the best and most unique ideas that I could find within the past seventy years.

Of Making This: Wow, I'm glad I had *few* extremely challenging classes my first class year or else myself or this publication would be doomed. Making this has been quite difficult at times allowing me to easily empathize with every other editor who works on this book. There has been plenty of late nights and weekends spent here on post trying to get this done and now looking back, there was probably an easier way to do all of this, but of course many things worth doing aren't very easy.

Obligatory Bitter Statement: It amazes me how nonchalantly *the man* screws us over. Thanks, thanks a lot.

Me!: I'm really glad I came here despite the hardships that everyone always talks about; but I suppose that's the whole purpose of this place. The greatest thing is meeting the sort of people that endure such an environment with me. I have to admit, I actually learned some stuff while I was here like learning bagpipes from scratch (thanks CPT Mitchell). I quickly learned that practicing piping would be difficult around my roommates who would have to endure listening to "satan's flute" as it's been called. My roommates also need recognition for being my constant source of help in getting this thing done; I'm always taking these pages back to the room asking for opinions. Thanks Eric, Matt, and CJ and good luck to the underclassmen, especially you, struggling editor, trying to think of how to write your own "I love me" page.



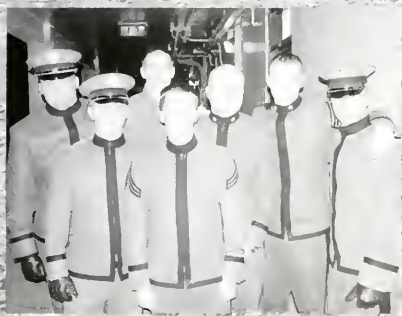
My two favorite people



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Fellow Publication Editors
& Rat Roomates



Dykes and Rats of 182





